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TREES AND GREEN foliage on Sunset View's grounds provide a peaceful final resting place.

## The silent community on the hillside

### A walk through Sunset View Cemetery

By J.R. Deaton

KENSINGTON — Above the busy foothills, situated mostly in Kensington with a small part in El Cerrito, is a silent community of nearly 55,000 souls. The Sunset View Cemetery is a 70-acre parcel of rolling lawns, stately old trees, Golden Gate vistas, green copses and human remains. When it opened in 1908, a local newspaper touted it as a "silent city of the dead" which would be "beautified by artistic buildings and with trees and flowers." The new burial place, in the "peaceful Berkeley foothills," the newspaper said "is pervaded with spirit of restfulness."

Although the East Bay foothills are

not as peaceful as they were in 1908, the cemetery still lives up to its promise. It is indeed pervaded with a spirit of restfulness, quiet and contemplation. To walk among the dead and their quiet city offers reprieve from the jangled commerce and bustle of the city below.

Redwood trees and palm trees, willows and eucalyptus shade the green grass of the sanctuary, ivy and flower beds come forth with spring's new growth. There is a waterfall and pool set among the trees and surrounded by memorial plaques. There are a half-dozen crypts — solid little fortresses of granite and mortar designed to keep safe their occupants until kingdom come.

Some of the gravestones and plaques lay flat to the ground while many others are huge chunks of granite or marble with names and dates inscribed. Obelisks, crosses, Masonic symbols, scrolls, Doric columns and squares of stone remind the living of the dead. Each lapidary reminder tells a story, sometimes just dates of birth and death, but each stone was placed there by someone for someone.

The remembered and the forgotten lay side-by-side at Sunset View. "Beloved wife" and "beloved father" and "beloved mother" can be found on many gravestones. Some memorials have flowers or other items placed at their base, while others probably haven't been visited in decades. There are first names seldom heard today: Casiah, Cornelius, Minerva, Orsolina, Juriah, Enoch, Hulda and Eu-



SUNSET VIEW manager Michael Klinger stands near a pond on the cemetery grounds.

phemia. Babies who lived but a few days rest there as do war veterans and well-known figures from local history.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler (1854-1927), an early University of California presi-

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### EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

## EC getting ready to shake, rattle, roll

By James Carter

Residents of El Cerrito and Kensington are having a community party April 20, one where participants will learn what to do when things shake, rattle and roll.

The open house event, timed to coincide with Earthquake Preparedness Month, will include preparedness tips, demonstrations and displays. Guests include Fire Chief Mark Scott, El Cerrito Police Chief Linda Fellers, and Barry Garfield, the chief of police in Kensington.

"We will be celebrating another successful year of our NEAT program and the launching of new programs that will take the community to a whole different level in terms of community preparedness," Scott said.

Sponsored by Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams, a program developed by the El Cerrito Fire Department, the event will also include discussions about preparations for Y2K, a computer problem commonly known as the millennium virus that many predict may disrupt regional power supplies, food distribution and public services.

Regardless of what happens this New Year's Eve, organizers predict Tuesday's celebration will knock your socks off.

According to NEAT program director Pat Catell, the open house will feature

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## Albany set for disaster to happen

By James Carter

ALBANY — Faced by the dual dangers of natural disasters and those created by man, the city's Earthquake Preparedness Program will offer classes that provide training for everything from Y2K to The Big One.

The goal of EQPP — a neighborhood-based organization of volunteers — is to prepare residents and entire neighborhoods for calamities by organizing each block in town.

According to Paula Gray, co-chair of the group, preparation for disasters is crucial "because knowledge is power. The more you know how to deal with emergencies, the better equipped you are to help your friends, neighbors and the community."

As part of the statewide earthquake preparedness campaign, EQPP is offer-

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## Police report: Youth was attacked in revenge

By James Carter

ALBANY — A 15-year-old boy was brutally attacked in broad daylight April 10 by a teen-ager seeking revenge, according to police reports.

The police account reports that as he repeatedly stabbed the boy with a screwdriver, the assailant allegedly said, "You're the kid that had me put in jail. You're the kid that had me put in jail."

Just two weeks before, the 17-year-old Albany resident allegedly robbed the boy, stealing a fleece jacket, a Sony Walkman and \$25 — birthday gifts the boy received just days before. The strong-armed robbery occurred as the teen-age victim strolled down Solano Avenue near Key Route Boulevard.

Police quickly located the suspect and arrested him. According to Lt. Det. Bill Palmieri, the young thief was booked and taken to Juvenile Hall where he was later released. Two weeks later he allegedly sought his revenge.

As the victim strolled down the 1000 block of Kains Street with his cousin last Saturday afternoon, the revenge-seeking assailant attacked, police said. The re-

"He is afraid and the entire family has been traumatized. Somebody needs to be accountable for this."

—Teen-age victim's mother

port said the suspect repeatedly stabbed and slashed the boy with a screwdriver while onlookers did nothing, according to the victim's mother.

The wounded teen was rushed to Highland Hospital and treated for injuries, including facial cuts that required stitches and may leave permanent scars, a gash across his skull and ear, and 20 other lacerations and bruises.

Police arrived at the crime scene moments after the incident, according to the

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## El Cerrito takes aim at tobacco advertising

By J.R. Deaton

approved.

EL CERRITO — The City Council is fixing to tell the Marlboro cowboy to saddle up and get out of town. At last week's meeting, the council unanimously approved a proposed ordinance that would prohibit tobacco advertisements within 1,600 feet of El Cerrito schools and playgrounds. The law would also require merchants who sell tobacco products in the city to secure a tobacco retailers license. Self-service displays and racks would also be prohibited.

This move would make El Cerrito the first city in the county to require routine tobacco retail licensing. The ordinance has to be voted on again at the council's April 19 meeting and is expected to be

"It makes me feel bad to see that I can't go get a soda — I can't get anything without seeing any of this," said student Ashley Brandle about tobacco advertisements in convenience stores. Brandle, a seventh-grader at Portola Middle School, and other students made appeals to the council to enact the new law. Fifteen-year-old El Cerrito High School sophomore Erica Dias said it is clear that advertisements try to convey the message that "tobacco is like cool" and smokers are glamorous. Dias is a member of TIGHT — Tobacco Industry Gets Hammered by Teens — a group that promotes laws to keep stores from selling tobacco

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# Salsa Sunday for Albany High students

Albany High's Black-Latino Student Union joins Bust-A-Move in presenting "Salsa Sunday" this Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Albany Community Center. Naomi Friburg, who teaches salsa dance at Funkworks, Rhythm and Motion, and Cafe Caracas, will give a beginner salsa lesson. "D.J." Dan Lawrence will host general dancing.

Winter "swing fever" is turning into spring "salsamania" at AHS, and more Salsa Sundays are planned for May.

"I took salsa lessons at lunch time, said AHS senior Anne Cox. "Now I love salsa. It has a special rhythm, a soul of its own."

Bust-A-Move dance programs are made possible by a grant from the Albany Police Traffic Safety Program. Details: 526-3720, ext. 17.

A Rummage and Bake Sale to benefit the La Pona Community Chorus will be held April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 1335 Brewster Court, El Cerrito (off of Arlington Ave.). Books, furniture, housewares, clothing and some white elephants.

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing at a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday,



JEFF LANE and Anne Cox at Bust-A-Move's first salsa dance series.

April 21 at 7 p.m., to discuss the Cougar Field Master Plan and renovation issues. The meeting will be in the Albany High School Lit-

tie Theater (Fine Arts Building), 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Staff, student, parent and community comment is invited.

## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### Schools superintendent

The El Cerrito Democratic Club is hosting a panel discussion on "Challenges and Opportunities Affecting the West Contra Costa Unified School District, Including the Effect of Recent Legislation with new school Superintendent Gloria Johnson; United Teachers of Richmond President Marta Dragos; El Cerrito High School Principal Michael Aaronian; and Assemblywoman Dion Aroner's West Contra Costa Field Representative Ardiarius MacDonald. The panel, moderated by school board trustee Glen Price, is on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church 545 Ashbury (across from El Cerrito High School). Details: 525-5187.

### A NEAT education

Learn and practice essential components of the NEAT Emergency Communication System on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fire Station, 1520 Arlington, El Cerrito. The drill will consist of an emergency communication workshop, followed by message preparation and Net practice. As a finale, completed messages will be transmitted by HAM operators to the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Carpooling is desirable. NEAT Neighborhoods are also encouraged to have a Table Top or Functional Drill within the neighborhood, hopefully scheduled not to conflict with the Central Drill. Details: Pat Catel, 525-7268

### Christmas in April needs help

Carpenters, plumbers, get out your tools. Christmas in April need the help of skilled volunteers to lead this year's home repair projects. Homes will be rehabilitated throughout the month of April culminating on Saturday, April 24. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and are invited to a complimentary post-event picnic.

Christmas in April is a local charity group dedicated to helping disadvantaged elders live comfortably and safely in their own homes. All repairs are free for qualified low income or disabled seniors. Donations of cash, goods, equipment or food are extremely appreciated. Your community needs your help. Call 644-8979.

### Soroptimist holds fund raiser

Soroptimist International of Richmond will host a fund-raiser entitled "A Taste

for All Seasonings, A culinary Capers" on Sunday, April 25, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$25. This fine food and wine tasting event will take place at Rocketteller Lodge, 2650 Market Ave., San Pablo. Prominent chefs and caterers from the Bay Area will serve appetizers, entrees and desserts, and noted winemakers will showcase their wines. Supporters who attend will be able to purchase tickets for a chance to win exciting trips and luxurious gift items. Each year Soroptimist members select several non-profit agencies to support through fund-raising events held in the community. This year's goal is to raise \$13,000 to divide between the following agencies: Battered Women's Alternatives; Richmond's Reads; Early Childhood Mental Health Program; Richmond Museum Association/Red Oak Victory; Richmond Friends of Recreation/Save The Richmond Plunge; YNA Hospice of Northern California; Youth Citizenship Awards. Reservations must be made by April 10. Call 237-2355.

### Parenting help

Tehiyah Day School, 2603 Tassajara Ave., presents a free informational evening "Spoiling Childhood, Beyond Guilt and Mishegas" on Wednesday, April 28 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Author, Author, Diane Ehrenhaft, a developmental and clinical psychologist, will address questions such as limit-setting, over-democratic parenting, parenting too much to make up for parenting too little, how much to push and help kids, and other topics.

### Lions hold free breakfast

On Sunday May 2, the Kensington Lions are having a free breakfast for the community. The Lions are providing the breakfast in appreciation of the help of the community in providing over 1,200 pairs of used eyeglasses, as well as coming to the spring clean up and supporting the 2 Oktoberfest the Lions put on. The location of the event is the Youth Hut located at 59 Arlington Ave., across from the Arlington Community Church. The time is from 9 a.m. to noon. For further information contact Al Caruso at 527-4640.

### Supervisor Gioia visit

Newly elected Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia will be visiting El Cerrito's "Open House" Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., on Wednesday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m.

to noon. This is a great opportunity to "meet and greet" the new district representative.

### EC Earth Day

On Saturday, April 24, everyone is invited to celebrate our community and planet, clean up neighborhoods, streets, creeks and schools. Work parties will begin at 9 a.m. There will be a barbecue at noon for participants at the Community Center. Details: Beth Barke, 215-4342.

### Mosaic Arts Academy

The City of El Cerrito Youth Services located at 7007 Mooser Lane is presenting Mosaic Art Academy, "Charcoal & Pastels, Collage, Cartooning, and Kids Crafts." These four classes will be offered for youths age 6 to 14 years old. Classes will be held at Tassajara Clubhouse of El Cerrito Community Center. Details: Lila, between 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 215-4370.

### Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held through Friday, April 16 in the Multipurpose Room of Castro Elementary School, 7125 Donal Ave., El Cerrito. The hours will be noon to 3 p.m. daily, plus 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Proceeds benefit Castro PTA.

### Preparedness party

El Cerrito and Kensington residents are invited to a drop-in open house Preparedness Party on Tuesday, April 20 from 7:15 - 9:15 pm at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors. Kids welcome. The party will include an earthquake shake table, exhibits, displays, emergency supplies, kid's activity room, prizes, free stuff, refreshments. Resource people will be available to discuss Y2K and other preparedness issues. Sponsored by NEAT, the emergency preparedness program offered by the Fire Department. Information: Pat Catel, 525-7268.

### Vista, MacGrogan farewells

Vista and MacGrogan Primary schools in Albany are scheduled to close in June

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# Bike, car thieves strike neighborhood

By K. Osborn

NOTE: Because the Albany blotter did not appear last week, two weeks of listings are included here.

ALBANY — On the evening of March 28 a resident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his green Bianchi 26-speed bike from his garage. It had been secured to a three-inch water pipe. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of March 28 Beverages and More on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported having a shoplifter in custody. Officers arrived and arrested a 21-year-old Richmond woman for petty theft. She was transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the morning of March 29 a resident on the 1500 block of Albany Terrace reported that during the night thieves stole his silver '85 Toyota van. There were no witnesses. Later that night Albany officers located the van on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue. It was not damaged and the owner was notified.

On the afternoon of March 29 a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that thieves broke into her white Honda and stole the in-dash stereo while the car was parked in front of her home. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 29 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that her gray '85 Honda had been broken into during the night and the thieves stole the stereo. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 30 an Albany resident reported that thieves had stolen his A Trek 700 model 21-speed bike while it was locked to a pole at Albany High School. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 31 a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her blue '88 Toyota Corolla and prowled through the inside. There were no witnesses.

At about 4:45 a.m. on April 1 a resident flagged down an officer near Ordway and Posen Streets to report a possible burglary of a car in process. When officers arrived at the scene the thieves were gone and the officers found a '97 Mitsubishi that had been broken into and the in-dash stereo had been stolen along with

other items. The owner was notified and officers are investigating.

On the morning of April 1 a resident on the 1000 block of Nielson Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her gray '87 Honda and attempted to steal her in-dash stereo. They were unsuccessful and departed without being seen.

At about 11:30 p.m. on April 1 Albany officers stopped a brown '73 Porsche two-door that had an expired registration. A check of the driver found the 25-year-old San Francisco man had a "No Bail" warrant from San Francisco for reckless driving. He was arrested and transported to the Marshall's office.

On the morning of April 2 Albany officers responded to the 700 block of Taft Street on reports of a '77 Datsun which had been broken into. There were no witnesses to the deed.

At about 9:30 p.m. on April 2 Albany officers responded to reports of subjects at Vista School who were throwing and breaking bottles in the school yard. Officers arrested a 16-year-old El Cerrito boy and two Albany boys, ages 15 and 16, for trespassing and being minors in possession of alcohol. They were released to their parents with a Notice to Appear.

At about 2 a.m. on April 3 Albany officers stopped a white Toyota pickup near Buchanan and Adams Streets for erratic driving. The driver, a 36-year-old Berkeley man was arrested for DUI. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the afternoon of April 3 a resident on the 900 block of Madison Street reported that thieves broke into his black '90 Accura and stole several compact discs. There were no witnesses.

At about 11 p.m. on April 3 Albany officers responded to a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a fight outside the establishment. Officers contacted a 26-year-old man who was very intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

On the morning of April 4 a resident on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves broke into a storage house in his back yard and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

At about 7 p.m. on April 8 a restaurant on the corner of San Pablo

## POLICE REPORT

and Solano Avenues reported that had just been robbed by two men described as black male adults wearing masks. One was described as 5-foot tall, 18 to 20 years old, wearing a gray sweatshirt with a hood. The other was described as about 5-foot 10 to 20, with a mustache. They had been observed on Solano Avenue minutes prior to the robbery. They dishd an automatic firearm and departed with an undisclosed amount of money. Police are investigating.

At about 9:30 p.m. on April 1 a resident of the Albany neighborhood reported being hit in the face by another landfill resident while on the stop on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers located the man and arrested the 45-year-old man for assault and for an outstanding land warrant for trespassing amount of \$125. During the arrest subject spit on officers. He was released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of April 1 a resident on the 600 block of Key Boulevard reported that during the night thieves broke into her white Honda while it was parked in her residence. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 1 a resident on the 800 block of Key Street reported that vandals broke into her black '88 Corolla. Baron and performed a minor repair. There were no witnesses.

Also on the morning of April 1 residents at an apartment complex on the 800 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into several storage units. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 1 a resident on the 500 block of Key Street reported that during the night thieves broke into the storage units of his apartment complex. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 1 a resident on the 1100 block of Key Avenue reported that during the night vandals had broken into a white '87 Honda and provided terror. Nothing appeared to be taken.

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# Crook steals down the bunny trail

EL CERRITO — Police arrested an 85-year-old man during a traffic accident investigation near San Pablo Avenue and Hill Street March 23. He was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

A 51-year-old man was plucked from his automobile and taken into custody late at night March 31, after an El Cerrito Plaza security guard called police and reported he was drunk.

A thief hatched a devilish plot April 2, breaking into an automobile parked on the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue, snatching an in-dash car stereo and an Easter basket.

At around 1 p.m. April 3, a thief with a thirst for trouble broke into the trunk of a car parked in El Cerrito Plaza, absconding with a spare tire and a case of wine.

A would-be burglar was taken by surprise April 3 when a witness confronted him as he attempted to

steal property from the inside an unlocked garage on the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue. Caught red-handed, the thief fled.

A 16-year-old male arrested and booked for an outstanding warrant April 3 was cited for possession of cigarettes after a pat search at police headquarters.

Police were led on a foot chase April 4 after a 38-year old man attempted to steal a carton of cigarettes from the Safeway Store on San Pablo Avenue. Though it is not known if the would-be thief ran out of breath, police caught the crook and arrested him.

On April 4, burglars pried open

the driver side and passenger side of a 93 Honda Accord parked 5900 block of Arvia stealing and speakers worth \$400.

A 13-year-old boy had died rocked April 5 after being arrested for pocketing Target Stores.

A crook split after snatching a circular saw from a home on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue in the afternoon of April 6.

A star-crossed burglar made a quick exit from a failed attempt April 7, abandoning a ladder to the roof of Hollywood Village an alarm sounded.

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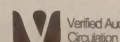
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## Public invited to Saturday gala for St. Jerome's

EL CERRITO — St. Jerome's school, which only recently completed restoring the retaining wall, is now hard at work to raise money for the project and has enlisted major names to lend star power to a benefit event on Saturday.

The school invites alumni and the community to a gala benefit Saturday, April 17, at the Golden Fields Turf Club from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Proceeds will go to the St. Jerome's Wall and Playground Area.

The band will be Oakland Raider players George Atkinson, Clem and Jack Tatum in addition to musical entertainment by the Big Band with a special guest

appearance by East Bay music great Pete Escovedo.

A silent auction begins at 8 p.m., Live Auction begins at 10 p.m. Items will include a Raider legends football, a team football (both signed), tickets to a 49er skybox and more. Organizers say local businesses have been gracious with their support, including Washington Mutual Bank, Mechanics Bank, Sunset Cemetery, Pastime Hardware, Fatapple Restaurant, East Bay Sanitary, the Oakland Raiders, Tradeway Furniture, Radstone's Office Supply and the Arts Cafe. Prior to the gala, there will be a 5 p.m. mass at St. Jerome's, followed by a blessing of the wall at the corner of Colusa and San Carlos. Tickets are \$45 and can be obtained by calling the school at 525-9484.

## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

### Bridge realignment

City Councilmembers last week approved a written request from Pablo Cuccinell and Metropolitan Transportation Commission expedited replacement of the northern alignment of the east side of the Oakland Bay Bridge. The council decided 3-1 to support retrograding the old span rather than rebuilding it. Mayor Gina Brusatori announced last week's discussion was because of a conflict of interest. "The actual need to build a bridge has never been clearly established," said Councilman Larry Brown before the vote.

### Costa Reads

The council unanimously passed resolution in support of the "Costa Reads! 2000" program. This program of the Contra Costa County Library is designed to provide every grade student in the county with a library card by the end of the 2000.

Beginning this spring and continuing through next school year, second-grade classes will be contacted and invited to visit a local library or library staff member will go out to visit with second graders at their schools, explained Senior Branch Manager Janet Hildebrand.

### Field concerns

Last week the council also heard from Behrens Street residents about the Albany Unified School District's Cougar Field. The school district is currently preparing a new plan for Cougar Field and residents are concerned about the night game flood lights. The council also complained that a long gate off Behrens leading to the field is currently being used as an entrance by the district and field patrons.

Behrens Street is a small narrow residential street, it's not a thoroughfare," said Charles Burrell, co-chair of the Behrens Neighborhood Association. The neighbors want the City Council to adopt a resolution addressed to the Albany school district declaring nighttime flood lights to be "a significant environmental impact that could adversely affect the neighborhood." They also asked the council to urge the school district to abide by past promises, especially the one to lock the Behrens Street access gate after it constructs a more appropriate entrance to Cougar Field. City staff will report back on the matter at the April 19 council meeting and the council will consider a resolution.

### Stop signs on Clayton

Placement of stop signs on Clayton Avenue at Eureka Avenue was authorized by the council last week. In November of last year, the city received a petition from area residents requesting that the intersection become a four-way stop.

Although a staff report notes the intersection has "fairly low traffic volume," it was noted that many students from the high school nearby walk and drive through the intersection. Records show that two of four recent accidents at the intersection involved drivers under 18.

### Sister Cities festivities

The council last week also unanimously approved sponsorship and fee waivers for the El Cerrito-based multicultural group Celebrating Culture and Community for a parade and festival to be held May 22.

The Sister Cities Parade and Festival will begin in Richmond and end at the El Cerrito Community Center. Last month the city's Park and Recreation Commission approved a motion to recommend the City Council waive the fees. The group will post a \$250 deposit and purchase insurance to cover the event.

—By J.R. Deaton

## EC committee will stay on to review city finances

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Last week the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole celebrated its one year anniversary with cake and fruit juice, decided to stay in business, confirmed its future agenda, criticized last month's Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting and decided to keep their quorum at 15.

"Do we, as a body, want to continue on?" asked committee Co-chair Thom Stark. The Committee of the Whole has been going through a rough spot since it officially recommended its report on redevelopment to the City Council last month. The report calls for an agency "hiatus" until its debt to the city general fund is repaid. An alternate report on redevelopment was prepared by a splinter group of the committee. There have also been charges that the city has not been completely forthcoming in supplying the committee with financial numbers.

The Committee of the Whole has also been criticized by some in the community for "going beyond its charge." Also, citing frustrations with some members of the City Council

and city staff, Financial Review Team Chairman and influential Committee of the Whole member Steve Magvary tried to resign from the group last month. Magvary was talked out of it by others on the committee.

At its March 29 meeting, the RAC, on a split vote, recommended the alternate redevelopment report to the City Council.

The way the RAC meeting was conducted has been criticized by some and at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting, more criticism was heard. "They closed the public comment part off very, very quickly," committee member Evelyn Kiresen said about the recent RAC meeting.

Kiresen said the RAC made its decision "in the absence of any of our spreadsheet information."

Linda Blum, who is both a member of the Committee of the Whole and the RAC, said "the other side like just took right over" at the RAC meeting. She said there was a "feeling of hostility" and "bad vibes" at the March 29 meeting. Joseph Grossman, also a member of the RAC who attended last week's meeting, described last week's RAC meeting as "dysfunctional." Grossman said that one problem with the RAC meeting

was that "the information sent to the (RAC) was just the summary reports—no fiscal data."

Committee of the Whole member Chuck Lewis disagreed with critics of the RAC meeting, saying that the RAC chairman "bent over backwards to make sure that members of the committee had a chance to get their questions asked." Lewis later added: "I had no sense of what the outcome was going to be."

"We're at the point where we need to go forward," said committee member Grant Ricketts while discussing the committee's future. By general consensus, the 25 citizen members of the committee attending last week's meeting agreed. Sewall Glinertnick, Manager of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, agreed with other committee members, but cautioned: "I think we ought to keep in mind that the City Council did not empanel us as a runaway grand jury." Glinertnick said the council charged the group to "look at city finances and determine if there was indeed a shortfall and suggest ways of taking care of the shortfall."

Mayor Gina Brusatori attended the meeting and offered to meet with FRT Chairman Magvary and others

including City Manager Gary Pokorny to ensure the committee gets whatever missing material it needs "to complete your work." She urged committee leaders to set up such a meeting as soon as possible. "My offer has been on the table and I would like very much to make that happen," the mayor explained.

The committee decided on its "core charter" for future work. Things it will investigate include ascertaining if there is a general fund structural deficit and if there is one, what is its size and causes? The committee also plans to determine if there is a need for a bond or other revenue measure or measures and to review capital funding requirements and sources.

A move to reduce the quorum number to 12 from the current 15 was rejected. The committee cannot vote on business without a quorum. "I think one of the strongest aspects this group has is that it is not just a few people sitting around a table talking about their favorite issues," said committee co-chair Al Miller. "I don't like a shrinking table," noted committee member Peter Loubal. The committee voted unanimously to keep its quorum at 15.

## Caltrans set to level old interchange segments

Beginning Monday, April 19, Caltrans is scheduled to begin demolition of old segments of I-80 and I-580 between Buchanan Street and the old Pierce Street off-ramp in Albany.

The demolition is tentatively

scheduled to occur each day over the following three weeks, excluding Sundays, between approximately 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Although most demolition will be performed during daytime hours, it will be necessary

to do some work at night where the old freeway crosses Buchanan Street, Cleveland Avenue, and the railroad tracks. Caltrans says it will make every effort to work quickly, safely, and as quietly as possible, but warns

that there will be noise associated with the demolition. This demolition is required to create room for construction of new on-ramps to eastbound I-80 and westbound I-580 from the foot of Buchanan Street.

## ALBANY IN BRIEF

### Memorial Park no picnic

Over 50 residents living near Memorial Park met with Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo Saturday, April 10, to discuss what one neighbor described as "growing and serious concerns" about noise, screaming cars, fights, and teen alcohol abuse at the park, particularly in the evenings. Murdo presented a video at the meeting that provided tips regarding crime prevention, safety, and how to prevent burglars from breaking into homes. He also fielded questions and complaints from those gathered there. Residents are currently in the process of organizing a Neighborhood Watch Committee. For more information: 527-1296

### Magic Kingdom Concert

The AHS Concert Band and Musical Theater classes are going to Disneyland April 20. Plans include professional performances in the magic kingdom, a tour of UCLA, and a day riding the roller coasters at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Led by instrumental music director Tom Lilienthal, and Joan Sextro, director of the AHS choir and musical theater programs, both groups had to pass a tough audition in order to perform at the amusement park. Students will return home April 23.

### Robbery suspect nabbed

It appears that Berkeley Police have arrested a suspect linked to the robbery of Britt-Marie's, the Solano Avenue restaurant hit two nights in a row by masked gunmen. Police believe the suspect in custody is one of two that went on a reckless rampage, robbing a string of restaurants around the East Bay. Local departments, including the APD, are sharing information and working together to nab another gunman linked to the crime spree.

### Fireworks at City Hall

City Attorney Robert Zweben still does not know if there is an Albany ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks in town. The issue was initially raised by Councilman Ed McManus at the April 5 council meeting. While discussing the recently-passed Waterfront Ordinance, McManus noted he could find no mention of fireworks in the city code and asked Zweben if such an ordinance exists. "I don't know," he replied. Council asked for clarification. Yet when contacted April 13 and asked about it, Zweben still did not know the answer. City Administrator Daren

Fields contacted Fire Chief Marc McGinn to confirm what he believed all along: the possession or use of pyrotechnics in Albany is illegal under provisions of the municipal fire code.

### Hold the garlic

It appears that The Magic Garlic Restaurant on Solano Avenue is in hot soup. A notice to vacate posted on the door by the sheriff's office notified the owners to vacate the premises, along with business cards from EBMUD and a linen company. Unconfirmed reports suggest owners are being evicted for non-payment of rent. Garlic is said to reduce blood pressure, an attribute that may be of significant import to the former owners, especially now.

### No license to drink

According to Albany police Lt. William Palmi, under provisions of a new law that went into effect Jan. 1, any minor caught in possession of an open container of alcohol — regardless of the location — can have their driver's license suspended until they turn 21.

However, Albany has a special "Diversion Program" that provides young city residents cited under the new law the opportunity to keep

their license and remove the incident from their record. Palmi said juveniles that enter the program meet with him once a week for up to three months. "We discuss a number of issues," he said, "usually things they want to bring up. Of course we study pertinent laws, including the one that just went into effect and why it was passed in the first place."

The unique program for first-time offenders currently involves six young people who otherwise may have been unable to drive to work or school.

Murdo emphasized the importance of the classes and pointed out that while they are expensive and time consuming, they provide young people with a second chance.

### A chance to write for Elvis

The Chief Operator program is looking for lyricists to compete in a song-writing contest.

According to Police Chief Larry Murdo, all applicants need to do is write a lyric or poem about traffic safety, record it on a cassette and submit it to the Police Department. The first prize winner will receive \$300 and be included on the next Chief Operator CD.

—By James Carter

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# Hiking the great outdoors to help inner city kids

By Kristin Bender

With 23 pounds on his back, plenty of trail mix and a keen sense of adventure, Nathan Martin begins a journey of a lifetime this week: a six-month walk in the woods to raise money for inner city kids who've never seen the wilderness.

Martin, 33, is leaving the comforts of home to hike from California to Canada along the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail. He spent eight months stockpiling food, buying the latest and greatest camping and hiking equipment, and training his body to walk 15 to 18 miles a day.

"People don't really know what to make of this trip," he said. "The whole thing is such a huge endeavor it's kind of bewildering."

Martin is a seasoned outdoorsman who began hiking with an older family friend nearly 20 years ago. Since October, he has hiked between 35 and 105 miles a month between work, family and social obligations.

His job as a researcher on industrial-energy efficiency issues at Lawrence Berkeley Lab takes up a good deal of time, but Martin also has a full social calendar. He is into Cajun dancing, singing in the East Bay Jewish Chorus, biking and din-

ing out with friends. Martin has talked of walking the mountainous trail for seven years. But it was not until last year—his sixth at the Lab—that he made the commitment to take a sabbatical and set out.

"I'm hoping this will be an adventure that I can learn and grow from," he said. "But I don't want to get my expectations up. I just want to go out there and see what happens."

Martin was inspired to raise money for a cause after seeing those in his religious circle reach out to the sick and grieving. To date, he has raised \$1,500 for Inner Outings, a program that pays for city kids to go on backpacking, camping and rafting trips.

Martin will walk through California, Oregon and Washington to the Canadian border town of Manning Park. He wants to walk fast enough to finish in October, when he will join his family for a long-planned hiking trip through Nepal.

Family and friends who have rallied for Martin will continue their support during his six-month walk in the woods. More than a dozen people will bring him prepackaged crates of food and cooking supplies, some hiking with him for short stints. A lab colleague, a cousin from Sacra-

mento, his mother, two former housemates from Oakland and several members of his synagogue will don hiking boots and join him on the trail.

"It seems so exhilarating to break all the rules of society that say you have to get up in the morning, get ready and go to work," said his mother, Nancy Martin. "To get up in the morning and just start walking will be a great adventure for him."

"I envision this as a growth experience, where he will really be able to embrace freedom. He won't be locked into a 9-to-5 job or social obligations," she said.

## Equipped for the route

Martin starts his walk in the tiny Mexican border town of Campo, and snakes north through Warner Springs, Big Bear City and Kennedy Meadows, and the wildflower-dotted California desert. He will hike through Sonora Pass, Crater Lake, and by the alpine lakes and granite peaks of the Sierra Nevada. In the early fall, he will arrive in Oregon, hiking along the massive volcanoes and temperate forest of the Cascades. He will also see other hikers. An estimated 200 people applied for permits to through hike the Pacific Crest Trail this year.

Planning for six months outdoors takes a lot of time, organization, energy and money. Martin spent eight months stockpiling freeze-dried broccoli, searching out the perfect ultralight backpack and doing weekly hikes around the Bay Area. He can rattle off the name of the lightest tent on the market, the best cooking stove and where to buy the cheapest energy bars.

From a \$38 Sunday Afternoons sun hat to a \$320 Mountaintop backpack to a \$51 mountain ice ax, Martin is an official "gearhead." All told, he soaked \$3,500 into equipment, including a tent that weighs less than two pounds, provisions and clothing.

Martin will start his hike with Deb Raushi, a San Francisco special education teacher he met on the Internet, and three others from Bakersfield and Boston. They plan to stick together for the first week before stopping to reevaluate their compatibility, pace and game plan. "It's a loose enough thing that if it doesn't work out we can go our separate

ways," Martin said.

Wherever he goes, he plans to always have enough food.

"My philosophy when buying food was to get a lot of variety," he said. "I'm sure when I get to a town and I'm craving a huge box of cookies I'll buy them and eat them." Martin packed 32 boxes with nonperishable food and cooking supplies that will be brought to him by friends and family or sent in an emergency. Post offices in towns along the trail accept packages for hikers.

When the trail does snake into a town, about every five to 10 days, Martin will surely splurge on cheeses, salami, available fresh fruits and vegetables, that big box of cookies and a New York Times crossword puzzle. He hopes to consume 4,500 calories a day to sustain his small, muscular frame.

"I'm pretty much using the trail to eat whatever I like," he said.

Martin will dine on such tasty treats as lentil dahl, nine-grain hot cereal with dried fruit, split pea and black bean soups, veggie chili and Tang. But he'll also pack plenty of chocolate and peanut butter energy bars, gorp, candy bars and power gels to keep his energy high and his taste buds happy.

When bravery strikes, he'll whip up more-complex treats. "I can't wait to try and make pizza in my outback oven," he said.

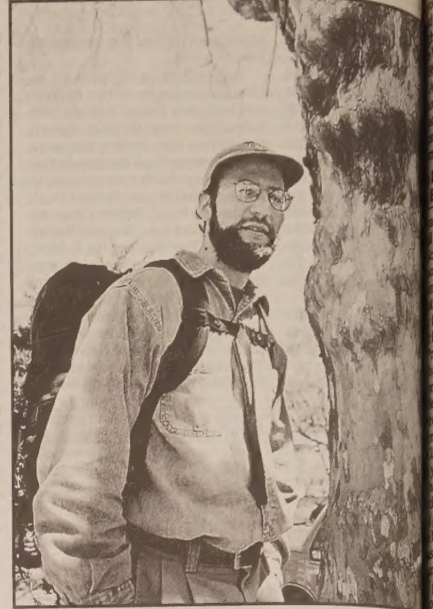
Oh, the excitement of hiking.

## A lot of uncertainty

To prepare for the trip, he has hiked 400 miles during the last six months, lugging a 30-pound pack on half the trips. Martin has made successful 10-day backpacking trips, but has never attempted a trek of this magnitude.

"There is a lot of uncertainty as to whether I'll be able to do this and how I will hold up mentally," he said.

A sense of humor, which has been put to the test lately, is sure to help him through the lonely days and solitary nights. "A lot of friends joked with



NATHAN MARTIN begins his six-month trek along the Pacific Crest Trail this week to raise funds for inner-city youth.

me while I was preparing for the trip," he said. "A friend who lives 30 miles away called me and said, 'Why don't you walk over and visit me?' Another friend dished out nutritional advice. We better stop giving you salad now to get you ready for the trip."

But in the end, 75 people attended a going-away party, many donating to the Sierra Club cause. "He's been working really hard," said Nancy Bean, an Inner City Outings volunteer leader. "With the money that is coming in we will be able to take

groups of kids out or buy money for some freeze-dried chili and trail mix.

To learn more about Martin's Pacific Crest Trail hike, visit the site <http://www.znet.com/~martin>.

He will post periodic journal entries. Send pledges in money to: Nathan Martin c/o Sierra Club, Inner City Outings Chapter, Monte Meyers, 2320 Oak St. Berkeley, CA 94705.

## Assault

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victim's mother, and took little time to apprehend the assailant. "They seemed to know exactly where to find him," the distraught mother said.

"(The Albany police) are super wonderful. They have been attentive and supportive and they did their job well."

However the victim's mother did not have kind words for the District Attorney's office, which she holds accountable for the assault. "If (the

suspect) had been in Juvenile Hall, this never would have happened," she said.

The victim's family is considering filing a law suit against both the DA's office and the assailant's parents.

"My son has severe injuries and may be scarred for life," she said. "He is afraid and the entire family has been traumatized. Somebody needs to be accountable for this."

Shortly after his arrest, the teenage assailant made a full confession and expressed remorse for the crime, according to Palamini.

The accused is currently in jail at Juvenile Hall awaiting trial.

## Tobacco

FROM PAGE A1

"My interest in tobacco goes back many years because my mother started smoking at age 10 and continued until she was 83," Councilman Mark Friedman said at the meeting. "Although she lived a long life, the quality of her life was tremendously diminished by tobacco, and I think that in some ways my own life was diminished by seeing the pain that she suffered from tobacco-related illnesses."

The ordinance as first proposed only called for licensing tobacco vendors who violated the advertisement-and-promotion restrictions.

The model for El Cerrito's proposed new law is a county ordinance recently passed by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County. At Friedman's urging, the council modified El Cerrito's proposed new ordinance to include "proactive" universal licensing of all tobacco sellers. The cost of the license is not yet determined, but the fee would be enough to cover the city's administrative costs associated with the licensing program.

Michael Atri, owner of Smokers' World on San Pablo Avenue, said he does not think the new law would affect him much.

Atri, who sells cigars and pipe tobacco but not cigarettes, said his cus-

tomers "want to have the pleasure of smoking" and will patronize his shop whether or not window signs are allowed. "The name of my business is Smokers' World," Atri said.

Bogos Drar, owner of the 7 Eleven convenience store at Stockton and Alameda, said the proposed law "might hurt the business." Drar said his store is careful not to sell tobacco products to minors. "We check (identification) and we strictly follow the rules," Drar said. When told about the proposed ordinance, Drar said "I don't know why they're going that far."

Councilman Norman La Force asked about the possibility of businesses who advertise tobacco being "just beyond" the 1,600-foot prohibitive area "that the kids go to anyway."

City Attorney Howard Stern said at the council meeting that "the code review committee had a map" and that "1,600 feet covers just about everything in El Cerrito."

La Force broached the idea of making El Cerrito a "dry town as far as tobacco goes." He said that there are "dry" towns where alcohol sales are prohibited, and asked if El Cerrito could simply ban the sale of tobacco products within its boundaries. "You can have a dry town—why can't you have a smoke-free town?" La Force said.

The city attorney was asked to look into the question and report back to the council.

## Obituaries

### MARY ELLEN LLEWELLYN

Mary Llewellyn passed away in Berkeley on April 8, 1999 at the age of 80. Born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she was the beloved wife of the late Harold J. Llewellyn, loving mother of Carol J. Holman and devoted grandmother of Mark Holman, both of Alameda, CA, dear sister of Richard E. Jones, of Lompoc, CA and the late Janet Waters, and daughter of the late Ruby L. Wolters and Edgar T. Jones. She is also survived by nine nieces and nephews.

A resident of El Cerrito for 38 years, she worked as a secretary for Tulloch Construction in Emeryville from 1956 until her retirement in 1986. She was a member of Vista Chapter #178 O.E.S., P.E.O. chapter LG, Berkeley, and Epworth United Methodist Church.

Precious memories will be cherished by her family and friends who are invited to attend a memorial service at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley, on Monday April 19, 1999 at 2p.m. The family requests remembrances be made to the Alta Bates Foundation (Oncology Services) at 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705.

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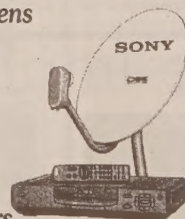
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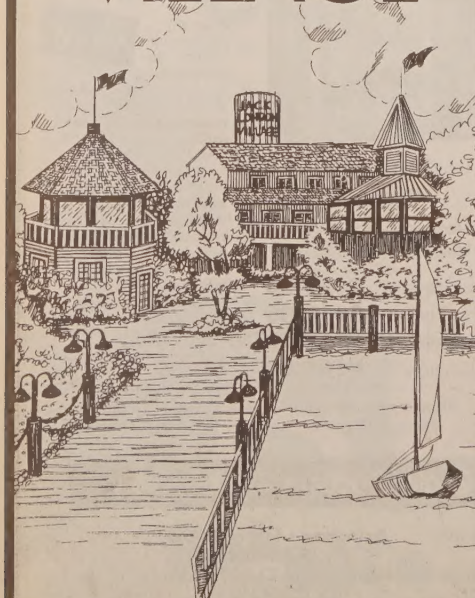
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### Day activities at Mira Vista Elementary

Mira Vista Elementary School invites all community members to Mira Vista School, 205 Mira Vista Way, East on Saturday April 17, at 10 a.m. for their Earth Day planting and school picnic. There will be activities for children and a raffle as well as a presentation for the Mira Vista School Garden Project. Please bring a shovel, trowel, gloves, and your enthusiasm for an exciting planting day celebration.

Activities will include planting a native plant garden around the Circle in the field below the playground, planting a bird and butterfly habitat, and lastly, on the hill the play structure, an erosion control garden.

Mira Vista School Garden Project started a few years ago when campus lacked gardens but had potential. Today, the row of gardens alongside the lower campus is just the beginning. The Committee and teachers of Mira Vista are preparing to expand

those gardens to other areas of the campus and the field below the Mira Vista school yard to include vegetable and herb gardens, a fruit orchard, a bird and butterfly habitat, Native American gardens, California Native plantings and more.

Several generous grants will help Mira Vista obtain tools, supplies, plants, soil and other materials. Three of the grants are "Teacher Action Grants" from Aquatic Outreach Institute (funded by the Contra Costa Clean Water Program), a local organization which focuses on teaching integrated pest management techniques in home and school gardens with the goal of educating and reducing pesticide use within the community. The other grant, specifically for tools and garden supplies, is a Youth Garden Grant from National Gardening Association.

School Gardens are now a part of the Mira Vista Curriculum. The Mira Vista Garden Project Committee invites all parents and community members to participate in the school gardens in any way you would like to be involved. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Mira Vista Teachers Lounge. For more information please call June Kammerling @ 236-0902 or e-mail JKammerling@aol.com

### Panel Discussion on Impact of Recent State Education Legislation

The El Cerrito Democratic Club

## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

presents a panel discussion on the impact of recent State of California education legislation on the West County school district.

Panelists will include Dr. Gloria Johnston, Superintendent, WCCUSD; Marta Dragos, President, United Teachers of Richmond; Mike Aaronian, Principal, El Cerrito High School; and Ardarius MacDonald, West County Field Representative for Assemblywoman Dion Aronson.

All members of the public are warmly invited.

The event will take place at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury (across from El Cerrito High School), on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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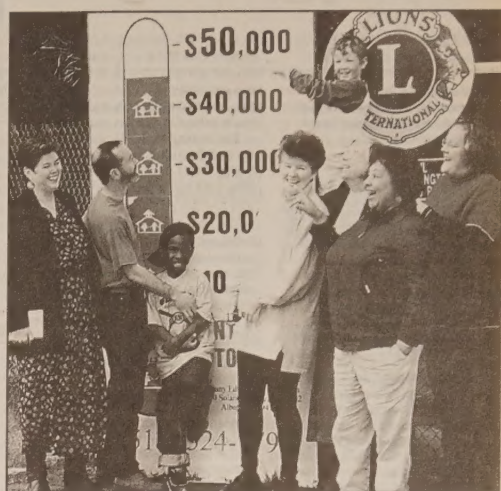
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## AEF announces successful campaign

Albany residents and other friends of Albany have helped the Albany Education Foundation (AEF) to come to a successful conclusion to the first 50K Campaign for Albany Schools. As of press time nearly \$43,000 has been raised this year for AEF. The Foundation's goal was to raise of \$50,000 for the 1998-99 academic year for grant projects in Albany schools. It is anticipated that receipts from a successful brunch held at Christopher's Cafe on Solano, and other sources will put the Foundation over its \$50,000 goal for the year. "We hope to make every year as successful as this one has been," said AEF Vice President, Owen T. Jones.

The success of the campaign allows this year's Scoops for Schools to be a free event, to thank all of the members of the community who have been so supportive over the last year. The annual Scoops for Schools Ice Cream Social will be held this Sunday April 18, as a way of thanking the everyone for their support. Students will demonstrate the varied skills and experiences the foundation supports, including musical performances, and artwork.

The Albany Education Foundation was founded in 1995 to provide additional resources to students in the Albany Public School District. In addition to Mini-Grants the Albany Education Foundation has distributed Block Grants of up to \$5000 for district wide programs, and has set up an Endowment Fund to ensure long term support of Albany Schools. Tax deductible contributions may



ANTICIPATING the successful conclusion of Albany Education Foundation's 50K Fund Raising campaign are from left to right: Juanita Rynerson, teacher; Owen T. Jones, AEF vice president; Jamel Freeman, 2nd grader; Dianne McNenny, AEF President; Jordan Jones, 2nd Grader, Ruth Ganong, AEF Fundraising Committee; Joyce Jackson, Chair, AEF Fund Raising Committee; Eileen Mc Kenzie, Coordinator: Safe & Drug Free Schools for AUSD.

be made to the Albany Education Foundation offices at 1320 Solano Avenue, Suite 102, Albany, CA 94706.

For more information call the Albany Education Foundation at 524-7797.

## Get tickets now for ECHS Casino Night fundraiser, May 7

El Cerrito High School's sixth Annual "Casino Night" fund-raiser will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 7 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

This is El Cerrito High's only all-district fundraising event held in support of the school.

Casino Night is sponsored by the El Cerrito High School, an auspices of the non-profit West Contra Costa Public Education Fund. Tickets are for adults only, with ticket donations of \$25 or \$45.

Proceeds in the past have gone to scholarships to deserving graduates, seniors, equipment purchases, grants to staff for enrichment provided by the District does not fund.

Members of the community, ECHS students, and alumni are encouraged to attend Casino Night for an evening and to show their support for

### ECHS

Games of chance such as blackjack, craps, and roulette will be the main feature of the event. Ticket donations include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and scrip for use at the gaming tables. Additional scrip may be purchased and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

A no-host beer and wine bar will also be available. Prizes obtained so far vary from gift certificates at local restaurants to accommodation packages at Harvey's Lake Tahoe and the Reno Hilton. Casino Night allows parents to meet teachers, staff and other parents and returning alumni in a social setting. The gaming tables are run by professionals and instruction is provided for non-gamblers so everyone is welcome.

Businesses and individuals underwrite the cost of the equipment rental, and all proceeds from ticket donations

and script purchases go directly to support ECHS. Community sponsors and prize donors are still needed to make the event a success.

Sponsorships for gaming tables are \$200 each, and appropriate prizes range from gift certificates to merchandise. Those interested in reserving tickets, sponsoring a table, or donating prizes contact Jim Martin the Casino Night chairperson at 654-4444. Advance ticket reservation is preferred.

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

### Albany PTA Council

April 26, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

### Albany High School

SCRIP Orders: Call Linda Okamoto, 525-6782 or Belinda Lum, 528-2429

April 15, Principal's Roundtable, 5 p.m., AHS Room 53

April 19, Site Council, 6:30 p.m., AHS Library

April 20, Athletic Boosters, 7 p.m., AHS Room 49

April 28, Open House, 7 p.m., AHS

### Albany Middle School

April 15, "It's Elementary" Film Preview, 7 p.m., AMS Library. Topic: Gay and Lesbian Issues in Schools

April 21-23, Book Fair, AMS Library

April 22, Open House, 7-8:30 p.m.

### Cornell Elementary School

April 29, Open House, 7 p.m.

### Marin Elementary School

April 29, Open House, 7 p.m.

### Vista-MacGregor Primary

SCRIP Sales: Wednesdays before school, or call Melling Lincoff, 524-5129.

### Citizens Parcel Tax Committee

April 21, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1604 Solano Ave.

### Albany Education Foundation

April 18, Ice Cream Social, Community Center, 1-5 p.m., FREE.

### AUSD Board of Education

April 20, Special Meeting to Introduce Gary Mills, new superintendent, 6 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room.

April 21, Special Meeting: Public Hearing on Cougar Field Master Plan with Landscape Architect, 7 p.m., AHS Little Theater. Items? Call 525-0363.

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# Calendar

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## Children

**The Friends of the Alameda National Wildlife Refuge (FAWR)**, a GGAS committee, has finalized a hands-on educational program for school children stressing the importance of biodiversity and the key role it plays in a delicate ecosystem. There will be a preview of the creative educational program the committee has developed on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. The program will take place at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Contact 843-2222 for additional information.

**Habitat**, Children's Museum presents

"Rocky Coast" farewell on April 15 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join naturalists from the Shorebird Nature Center and the Berkeley Marina who will bring the "Rocky Coast" up close and personal. Come see and touch the live animals, plants and rocks that make the rocky coast come alive before the "Rocky Coast" stage departs in May. This is a "taste" of a four-week Berkeley Marina stage for preschoolers beginning in May. Event repeats on April 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On Sunday, April 18 is Habitat's first birthday. There will be a celebration with special art activities, musical chairs and other party games and entertainment. Michael Banana slug of the "Banana Slug String Band," will perform at 11:30 a.m. Cake and punch served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free with admission.

**UC-Berkeley's** Graduate School of Education presents its 8th annual Festival of Children's Literature on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's event will take place in Tolman Hall on the Berkeley campus on Cal Day, the University's annual open house. The celebration of children's literature in the Bay Area is the largest, free public event dedicated to books for kids. For more information call 642-0137.

**Project Look!** presents "New Visions: An exhibition of Children's Art" at Border Books, Music and Care, 1313 Newell Road in Palo Alto. The exhibit, artwork created by schoolchildren, will be on display from April 24 through May 15. An opening reception takes place April 24 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional details call (650) 329-2176.

**The UC-Berkeley Graduate School of Education** presents the eighth annual Celebration of Children's Literature on Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Tolman Hall, corner of Hearst and LaConte on the Berkeley campus. Activities for children include: "Make Your Own Book," workshop for school-age kids; storytelling for kids, with Steven Henegar (11 a.m. to noon), Celia Correa (2 to 3 p.m.) and Marjio (3 to 4 p.m.); and concert and sing-along (1 to 2 p.m.) with folk singer Jose-Luis Orozco. There will be additional book signings and workshops by writers, authors and illustrators. For more information call 642-0137.

## Classes

**Dance Pathways** offers a seven-class series where dancers can move to music and drumming on Wednesdays from April 14 through May 26 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marine Ave. For additional information call 433-9591. Series cost is \$90 to \$85. A single class is \$13 to \$14.

**"Know Your Strengths"** is a new class at the Turning Point Career Center and will be held on Tuesday, April 28 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Calculate perceptual speed and accuracy, manual speed, and dexterity. Discover where to apply these skills. The fee is \$10 members and \$15 for non-members. The center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information call 848-6370.

**Work Buddies**, volunteers need to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

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**"Careers Working with Seniors"** will be the subject of a brown bag career talk at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, on Tuesday, April 27 from noon to 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mary Francis Giammona, administrator of Garfield Park Independent Living Senior Housing. The fee is \$3 at the door. For more information call 848-6370.

**La Clinica de LaRaza** will celebrate the opening of its newly refurbished Dental Clinic and will dedicate its recently restored mural on Thursday, April 15. The mural dedication ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. and the dental reception will immediately follow. The event will be held at La Clinica's Dental Clinic, 3050 East 16th St. For more information contact Angela Mazzari at La Clinica, 535-4218.

**Dance and Fitness Classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**The City of El Cerrito** is continuing its lap and water aerobics swim schedule through April 30. Call 215-4376 for schedule, prices and additional information.

**Portraits and Places**, watercolors by Susan Cornells exhibit will continue through May 17 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marine Ave., Albany. Details: 524-9283.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug**, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

**Vista College**, Through May 24; "American Fiction: 1945 to the Present" with Dr. Yehudit Goldfarb; \$36 All classes located on the UC-Berkeley campus; 841-8860.

## Health

**YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**An invitation** is extended to all Saint Jerome Alumni and the El Cerrito Community to attend a Gala Celebration on Saturday, April 17 featuring the music of the Don K. Big Band with special guest Pete Escovedo at the Tuff Club Golden Gate Fields. Advance tickets are \$45. Black tie optional, reservations will be held at the door. The Gala is to benefit the St. Jerome Wall Fund and playground. For information and reservations, contact the school at 525-9484.

**Friends of the Berkeley Animal Shelter's** Mobile Adoption Team will be at Solano/Peralta Plaza and Solano Pet Shop on April 17 from noon to 3 p.m. Volunteers and animals from the Berkeley City Animal Shelter will be at 1575 Solano Ave. on April 17 and on the first and third Saturday of the month thereafter. Stop and visit — take a look at the animals and talk with the volunteers.

**Christmas in April** needs volunteers for a workday in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville on April 24. Supplies are also needed. All contributions are tax deductible. Information: 644-8890.

**Friends of Albany Hills** will hold its monthly urban forest restoration project on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Taft Street turnaround on top of Albany Hill. Wear long sleeve, work gloves, long pants, socks, sturdy shoes. Learn to differentiate native and exotic vegetation from UC botanist Barbara Entler. For information call Carole Fitzgerald at 528-3236 or Hortensia Chang at 528-8368.

**The City of El Cerrito** is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18). Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

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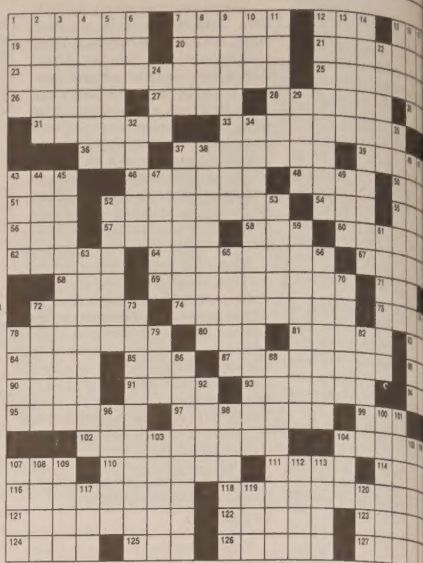
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BY MATT GAFFNEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychoanalytic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project**: The Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**New Beginnings** - a chemical dependency treatment program at Doctors Medical Center in Pinole - offers community support group information, fee assessments, education and counselors who can talk about drug and alcohol dependency treatment and prevention. Call 724-1520 for information.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-In Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**Random Works of Art, 1999**. Fourth Annual multimedia exhibit by eight East Bay women artists, through May 23. Reception: April 18, 2-5 p.m. Alta Bates Gallery, 3001 Colby St., Berkeley.

**Traywick Gallery**, 1316 10th St., announces "Sequences" an exhibition featuring a portfolio of print formatted by 29 internationally-known artists and published by Edition Schellman of New York and Munich. Call Katrina Traywick at 527-1214 for more information.

**New Pieces Gallery** presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

**A New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., is featuring "Passages", 12 sculptors explore Explicit or Metaphorical Passages. The exhibit will run through April 18. Hours are Wednesday, through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 525-7621 for details.

**The East Bay Women Artists** present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibit takes place at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Boulevard. Details call 539-0248.

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## Literary Events

**"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature"**, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult

School Older Adults Program; Helen Ripper Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

## Meetings

**The National Association of Retired Federal Employees**, Chapter 1282 meets Tuesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Starnage Ave., Albany. "Celebrating 25 Years."

**The City Commons Club** will hold a noon luncheon meeting on Friday, April 16 from 11:45 to 12:15. Doug Kinsey, senior planner of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will speak on "Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century." Speaker starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.75 or \$12.25. \$1 admission with coffee. Student admission free. Invite guests to share in these outstanding programs. Telephone 848-3533 to make reservations for guests.

**American Schizophrenia Association**, Alliance for the Mentally Ill (ASA-AMI) Support Group for Families of Children with Mental Illness is sponsoring a new support group for families of children and adolescents with mental illness.

**Spirituality and Healing** by Healing Story Circles. Spirituality healing group for people living with illness. See CALENDAR, Page 1.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20 from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Claremont Branch Berkeley Learning room. The Claremont Branch is at 2940 Benveniste in Berkeley. All meetings are free. Call 841-5361.

**Toastmasters on Campus** second and fourth Wednesday months from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. English Language Program. 2515 Hillegass. Details: 700-1002.

**The Berkeley Communicators** Toastmasters Club meet the third Wednesday of the month p.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 858-8411.

**Public speaking skills** and physics come together at local physical Toastmasters. On-going classes first and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call for details.

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# A student of languages learns language of life over 91 years

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Valia Hirsch is 91, and though her body is riddled with arthritis, her mind and memory are sharp. And it is her memory of her very full and interesting life that she spoke of in an interview.

She was born Valentina Raulan-Osipovna Kippness in Zhilomir, Russia, in the Ukraine on June 20, 1908. But she and her mother left Russia six months later to come to America. He father did not accompany them because he "did not want to go to America and be a pants presser."

She was raised in Chicago, moved to New York in 1934, and she and her husband moved to Israel in 1974. It was in 1993 when her children talked her into returning to the U.S. and settling in the Bay Area. That is her story. What happened between those dates is the interesting part.

Valia speaks of life during World War I when "we saved rubber bands, and apricot and peach pits. The

apricot and peach pits were used to make an antidote for poison gas." She has other memories, such as, when you moved into an apartment you did not buy light bulbs, you called the "electric man," who came and put bulbs in all of the fixtures. Bulbs up to 60 watts were free. You paid for higher wattage.

And telephones, she says, did not become popular until after that war, and then all telephones were coin operated. The telephone man would come once a month to gather the nickels. If you did not have 30 nickels in the phone, you paid him the difference.

Valia was raised by her grandparents, since her mother had to work. She spoke Russian before she spoke

English, learning English at school. She also learned Hebrew so, as a child she knew three different languages and three different alphabets. She also studied Latin, learned French from a friend of her mother's who visited them when she was 5 years old, and later learned German from her husband, who, although American born, learned in German. And, she says, she can pick up the Slavic languages because of her Russian background. She says if she had it to do over again, she would be a linguist instead of a journalist. She loves languages.

She had her own very definite opinions from the beginning. She never cared for jewelry, and when she graduated from high school and her grandfather wanted to wear her fur coat she said she "didn't wear dead animals." She was a vegetarian at 15, for sentimental reasons, rather than health. All of this was a plus when,

later in life, she and her husband preferred to spend their money traveling. And they did travel extensively, mostly in Europe but also in Mexico. "I made many good friends who still come to see me."

Valia worked for the Trans Ocean Press as a rewrite person, and wrote book reviews for the Chicago Evening Post, a literary magazine. She didn't get paid for that, but did get a lot of books. Also, she did get tickets to go to the art shows and lots of glossy prints of fine paintings. She remembers a showing of Chagall art and smiles as she remembers that you could buy any of the paintings for \$50. Then she adds, "But who had \$50?"

She says she was a Zionist "from the time I was a kid" and that is how she met her husband, David, who was the education director of the Zionist Organization of America. They lived together for over 50 years, and had

a son and a daughter. She lives with her son, Morris, and his wife in Kensington now. Morris is a mathematician who teaches at UC Berkeley. His wife reminded me that I had written about him some time ago, not as a mathematician, but for his musical activities. Her daughter lives in Babylon, Long Island, and she has four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Because she cannot see herself "sitting around with arms akimbo, listening to myself rust" she keeps busy, teaching Hebrew and tutoring ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

And, she says, "In my second childhood I decided to try creative writing." She showed me a book of poetry she has written, noting that they are not today's "modern" poetry. Most of the poems have to do with her life experiences, and I found them most interesting. I copied two lines

from her poem "Growing Old"

"Once I was a mentor, now I am a child."

"Once I gave the fruits of love, now I must accept them."

She is also writing her life's story, and the little I read of it sounds fascinating.

So, at 91, Valia Hirsch is very active, very busy, and intends to live every minute she can, for as long as she can, staying as active as she can. And she will.

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Thank you, Sandy Abrahamson, for suggesting Valia Hirsch to me. You are right, she is most interesting.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, activities, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com

## Focus on Bears and Baubles

Have you ever been in this store? You cut out from the threshold on your feet, or rather step over, a 9-year-old Corgie pup, who is the official shop mascot. She may or may not greet you, but not to worry, there are others who will. Marjorie Rodeon or the owner Georgia person may welcome you, it is so easily you may even be greeted by another customer!

The store's stuffed inventory is in the form of all kinds of bears, domestic and wild animals. She also has animal oriented jewelry, figurines, animal magnets, greeting cards, hand-drawn collectibles and teddy bear supplies.

Georgia has been involved for years as an artist, designer and seller of bears and other soft cuddly and just cute fuzzies that everyone has a weakness for. She has been on Alamo Avenue for over fourteen years, and a visit to her store, at 1603 Alamo Ave., is a must.

She also provides classes for grown-ups and children, under the tutelage of Mary Taylor-Asarnow, a very talented expert in the field of bears. After I had this interview with Georgia, as I was leaving, a teddy clad

in a Fireman's uniform, jumped into my arms and said, "take me home" and I did.

### Albany Day at the Races Is April 24

Just a reminder, Golden Gate Fields has really done a wonderful job promoting this annual tribute to Albany. I want to encourage you all to come that day and bring the kids because there will be pony rides, face painting and a barbecue and of course, racing! Raffle and entry tickets are still available at the Chamber or at many of the non-profit organizations. They are only \$1 each and will give you entry to the racetrack as well as a chance to win any number of prizes, ranging from cash to a 27-inch color TV.

### Robbery update

There was an informative meeting April 6, at the Mc Manus Pub and Bookstore about the status of the "restaurant" robberies. Two officers from Berkeley and Albany informed the group of the status of the robberies and instructed the group what to do if they were in this unfortunate situation. They distributed a State of California handout, which I will quote in

part.

Tips for preventing robbery:

1. Take measures that make your store or business unattractive to robbers. Some prevention measures include: a clean, neat store, attentive sales staff, a visible cash register, good lighting and frequent cash deposits to the bank.

2. The use of mirrors, cameras, alarms and security personnel in high-crime areas.

What to do when a robbery occurs:

1. Cooperate with the robber for your safety and the safety of others.

2. Make an effort to stay calm and think clearly. Make mental notes of the robber's physical description and other observations that will help law enforcement officers. 3. If you can reach your silent alarm without this being noticed, do so. Otherwise, wait until the robber leaves.

4. Have a prearranged signal with your employees that indicate a robbery is occurring. Do not use it if the robber can see you, instead, wait until the robber leaves.

5. Most robbers are as nervous as you, so be careful." The officers stressed that once a robbery occurs, lock the door and call the police.

I hope none of you ever has to use

## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Roxanne Wiley

this information. Be safe.

### Spring coloring contest

I know all the entrants are on pins and needles (ouch). The actual winners will be announced after the judging on April 12, 1999. There are so many wonderfully colored bunny rabbits that it will be very difficult to select winners.

### New members

Albany welcomes the Mc Manus Pub and Bookstore at 1309 Solano Ave. The pub offers books, quaffs of all variety and good pub food.

This comfy place is owned by our own Councilman Ed Mc Manus and his wife Shannon.

Also new, the Northern California Martial Arts Association, at 425 San Pablo Ave. This new company which was to open April 12, and feature martial arts taught by Andre Khoury as well as ethnic (red belly) dancing from the lovely Suhaila Salimpour who will also be teaching kick boxing.

More about these two businesses

## Worth

FROM PAGE A2

and move to the "old" middle school site as Ocean View Elementary. Volunteers are needed now to help with preparation of "Fond Farewell Parties" on May 23. If you have photos and/or can volunteer, contact Joan Post at 528-5250 or Adele Helmgren at 526-9062.

### Common Cause meeting

East Bay Common Cause is holding a general meeting on April 19 at 7 p.m. at 1218 Colusa Ave. in Berkeley. Everyone is welcome. Details: 527-4658

### Yom HaZikaron

On April 20 at 8 p.m. commemorate Yom HaZikaron and celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut 5759. 51 years of Israel's Independence. Services followed by dancing to the music of Hot Borscht and Israeli refreshments at this free event at Ahavat Yisrael, 897 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley

### Community Center jobs

The City of El Cerrito is now accepting job applications summer employment. Positions available include day camp and pool staff. Ages 15 through 17 years old must have a job permit, and there is volunteer work for those 12 to

14 years old. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details: 215-4370.

### Albany board openings

The Albany City Council is seeking interested citizens for appointment to the following boards, commissions and committees: Civil Service Board Library Advisory Board Park & Recreation Commission Arts Committee Charter Review Committee Waterfront Committee Mental Health Advisory Board. Interested applicants can contact the City Clerk for an application and description of each board, commission or committee. Details: 528-5720 or visit City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

### Fiddle camp

Does your child play violin? "fiddlekidds" is a summer camp for children ages 7-13, a fun-filled day-camp devoted to traditional fiddle music. Children explore Appalachian and Irish fiddle styles through tunes, songs, dance and music crafts, with three extraordinary fiddle teachers. The final day of camp culminates with a performance extravaganza. fiddlekidds will be held June 21-25, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Prospect Sierra School, Tapscott Campus, in El Cerrito. Details: Bobbi Shearn Nikles, 235-0370.

## Report

FROM PAGE A2

On the morning of April 7 a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that vandals sprayed their black '99 Subaru Outback with red paint. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of April 9 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves stole his blue '83 Honda Accord while it was parked on the 1500 block Alamo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of April 9 a resident on the 400 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves stole two bikes from a storage area near the laundry by breaking the lock to the door. There were no witnesses.

At about 11:30 p.m. on April 9 officers contacted the driver of a Ford pickup truck in the Salvage Army parking lot who appeared to be taking items from the drop-off. The driver, a 37-year-old El Cerrito man, was arrested for trespassing, possession of a hypodermic needle and methamphetamine, and a traffic warrant from Hayward. He was cited and transported to Berkeley jail.

On the afternoon of April 10 Albany officers contacted a 39-year-old El Sobrante man who had two Failure to Appear warrants from Contra Costa County for vehicle code violations in the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of April 10 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves stole his white '90 Toyota Camry while it was parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 11 a resident on the 500 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves broke into his gray '89 Jeep Cherokee and stole items. There were no witnesses.

At about noon on April 11 a resident on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that vandals smashed the rear window of his gray '91 Plymouth using a glass bottle. There were no witnesses.

At about the same time on April 11 a resident on the 700 block of Cornell Avenue reported that vandals broke into his blue '77 Cadillac and attempted to steal the radio. They were unsuccessful. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of April 11 a resident on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue reported that thieves broke into his mother's white '94 Nissan Sentra during the night. There were no witnesses.

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gencies.

During the week of April 4 Albany officers responded to seven false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, and assisted five people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic arena officers responded to one domestic dispute, 19 reports of civil disturbances and 52 Civil Assists. Albany officers stopped 44 vehicles issuing 17 citations and 27 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 13 medical emergencies.



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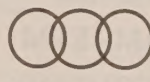
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## Sunset

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dent lays there beside his wife Amy Webb Wheeler. The Sproul family, well represented in local and University of California history, have their family section. City of El Cerrito founder Wilhelm F. Rust, born in 1857 in Germany, shares a tombstone with his wife Lina. Dean Witter (1887-1969), of securities and investment house fame, rests in Sunset View with other family members, surrounded by a ring of ivy and trees.

John Galen Howard (1864-1931), lays under a simple flat stone that gives only his name and dates.

Howard was the University of California architect from 1902 to 1927 and designed Beaux Arts and neo-classical style public buildings on both American coasts.

He is responsible for such UC-Berkeley landmarks as Sather Tower, the Hearst Mining Building, the Greek Theater, Doe Library, California Hall and Durant Hall. When people walk through the central part of the Berkeley campus and appreciate its layout, vistas and architecture, they are seeing John Galen Howard's vision.

Helen Crandall has a memorial of rough-hewn granite holding a bronze plaque. "In loving memory," the plaque reads and explains that Crandall was a volunteer nurse "who died in Berkeley at her post of duty during the influenza epidemic of 1918."

Thousands of mothers and fathers and husbands and wives and daughters and sons lay in Sunset View. Some dates tell of long lives, lived out their full measure. Some dates tell of men and women who died beloved and in their prime.

Barbara Pape Hutcheson (1943-

1988) "mother — teacher — doctoral student" has a memorial on a knoll overlooking El Cerrito, the Bay and the Golden Gate. Nancy Lim (1951-1993) "Max's mom forever" was, and is, surely loved.

One stone reads "our beloved folks" and Ruth Marion Davis Cahalan (1945-1995) "beloved, compassionate wife and mother" is told "Look homeward, angel." Nan Deng (1955) and Long Xiong (1954-1998) share a stone.

Antonio Perez Morales (1945-1997) is remembered, as is "master mariner" W. A. Schellensberg (1917-1993). William J. Hampshire (1885-1943) is remembered simply as "dad."

One can only guess at the pain and family tragedy of the gravestone that reads: "Fanny M. Money — Nov. 26, 1917-June 11, 1943 — and infant son and daughter."

Francis Rutan said of his wife Betty Rutan (1911-1944) "Her loveliness was surpassed only by her kindly nature." Frederick A. Pollard (1861-1913) is said to be "absent from the body — present with the lord." Harriet B. Pollard, born in 1859, was laid to rest beside Frederick in 1950. Hazel Edgcomb Matthews, "bride of William C. Matthews" died Feb. 19, 1915 "age 23 yrs." Billy Fong (Yan Wah), 1957-1973, is remembered as "our beloved son."

Old soldiers often document their military service on their stones. Marshall E. Fittro (1879-1961) was a corporal in Company D, 1st Regiment of the West Virginia Infantry in the Spanish American War.

Howard M. Fittro (1906-1990) served in the U.S. Army in World War II. Wife and mother Anna L. Fittro (1883-1945) lies between her two veterans. David H. Clinton (1843-1927) has a stone that reminds us he was a private in Company E, 11th Regiment of the Missouri Infantry of

the Confederate States Army.

A memorial states that California Highway Patrol officer Chas. H. Nissen "died in the performance of his duty that the highways might be made safe."

Sgt. B. F. Rawson, Company F 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry, erected a triangular stone in memory of the men of the California Battalion who shipped out in 1863 from San Francisco to fight for the Union in the Civil War. A tile embedded in the granite memorial depicts the banner presented to the departing warriors by the "ladies of SE."

But in the cool bowers and nooks of Sunset View, the most affecting gravestones are probably the ones topped by figures of sleeping babies and resting lambs. These are the graves of children.

Little Marie Navellier was three months shy of her sixth birthday when she died in 1912.

Thomas Clark Gester lived only from April 12 to April 19 in 1914. One gravestone has two lambs carved atop it. The writing reads "Twin babes of Frank and Ella Lucas Jan. 5, 1909."

Roy Douglas Jackson (April 15, 1942-May 7, 1943) is called "our baby" and Elinor S. Eugenia Campbell (1911-1914) is lovingly remembered as "our sunbeam."

During a cold sunset last week, a

visitor walked through the northwest section of this verdant city of the dead. Three young deer stepped lightly over stone grave markers searching here and there for tender grasses and shoots. They were unconcerned about the dead, but soon ears pricked up as they cautiously watched the approaching visitor. They turned and retreated toward the heart of the cemetery.

As the sun set, the western sky first became orange and red, and then Marin County and its distant mountains became purple against the darkening sky. Fleet and sure of foot, the three deer moved quickly and silently and were soon lost in the darkness of approaching night.

## County Crisis Line volunteer training set

Beginning April 19, the Contra Costa Crisis Center is offering extensive training for people interested in becoming crisis line volunteers.

The training, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday nights through May 19, is conducted by mental health professionals and is open to individuals 21 or older.

More than 120 people answer crisis calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the Walnut Creek center. The agency handles up to 60,000 crisis calls per year from people who are abused, depressed, grieving, suicidal,

homeless or mentally ill. After five weeks of classroom instruction, volunteers spend six weeks in one-on-one training. The agency's crisis line runs 24 hours a day. All volunteers are supervised by licensed therapists. Counseling interns earn hours toward professional certification.

The cost of the training is which is refunded upon request. A volunteer's first year of training is assured to all. Call 1-925-939-1916. Individual crisis should call the agency's hour crisis line at 1-800-822-2222.

## Prepare

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what is called a "shake table," a model of a house that visually demonstrates the affects of earthquakes. "Kids love it," Cafel said, adding that the electronic device provides a very visual sense of how an earthquake can impact a structure.

The event will also feature displays of straps used to secure water heaters, emergency supply exhibits,

and will provide guests with the opportunity to learn about the NEAT Program, which offers year-round activities including emergency drills and a number of free courses.

Classes include information about household and neighborhood preparedness and hazard mitigation. The program also teaches residents skills crucial in the event of an emergency, including how to shut off utilities, put out fires and perform damage assessment.

Door prizes donated by local mer-

chants will be awarded at the end of the event.

Children can join in the "kids activity room."

Sparky the Fire Dog will also be there — no autographs, please — a good time is assured to all.

The Earthquake Preparedness celebration will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 225 El Cerrito Plaza, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

For more information on the event or program, call 525-7268.

## Disaster

FROM PAGE A1

ing free training April 25 at several locations around town in search and rescue, disaster medicine, home safety/hazard mitigation and community disaster care and shelter management.

Residents who participate will be given credit toward certification as a disaster-services worker, said Gray. All classes are scheduled for April 25. They include:

■ Search and Rescue training, taught by Albany firefighters, 9 a.m. to noon at the Albany Fire Department.

■ Disaster Medicine, taught by

the Albany paramedic staff, 9 a.m. to noon at the conference room at City Hall.

■ Home Safety and Hazard Mitigation, a workshop conducted by Doug Donaldson, EQPP co-chair, 9 a.m. to noon, in the city council chambers at City Hall.

■ Community Disaster Care and Shelter Management, taught by James Godfrey, a disaster specialist with the local American Red Cross, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the community center.

Although all classes are free, pre-registration is required.

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## Oscar night only 11 months away

And The Winners Are: How dull were the Academy Awards last month? You would have seen better entertainment watching the flow meters down at East Bay MUD. Sandwiched between Whoopi Goldberg's dreadful jokes and Gwyneth Paltrow's total tear-duct collapse were four hours that seemed more like 10. Tom Hanks may have saved Private Ryan, but he couldn't have rescued this colossal bore.

The Oscar telecast clearly needs a shot in the arm. Ratings were down 17 percent - even after a move to Sunday, the most-watched TV night of the week. (So don't hold your breath about the Whoopster coming back. If you want to bask in her brilliance you'll just have to watch KPIX's "New Hollywood Squares").

In just the last two weeks, ABC secretly contacted a few select TV and movie critics around the country, including yours truly, asking us how the network might improve next year's Oscarcast. {

Tinseltown's always looking for something new to freshen up the product, so I've come up with some helpful suggestions for new awards that should live things up at next year's Academy Awards. Since ABC didn't explicitly ask me not to reveal the ideas I'm going to submit to them, I think it's only fair that all you loyal and discriminating East Bay readers should also see them. I'd also like to hear your own suggestions for new Oscars via e-mail. The envelopes, please:

Best Hairpiece  
Best Rental Tuxedo  
Best Cleavage Above the Navel  
Best Cleavage Below the Navel (SAG Award)  
Best Trophy Wife Best "Night of the Living Dead" Mascara (presenter: Helen Hunt)  
Best Sound Effects by a Passionate Couple in the Balcony  
Best Combover  
Best Nude Scene  
Best Faked Appliance for a Pro-

## Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

ducer Because Actors Need The Work and They Can't Boo Him  
Best Acceptance Speech Mentioning an Obscure Political Cause  
No One Cares About  
Best Love Scene in a Disney Wildlife Movie  
Best Gunplay  
Best Animal Acting (The Flipper Award)

Best Fireball Explosion  
Best Phony Smile by Furious Loser  
Best Cinematographer Without a Foreign Accent  
Best Picture by a Director Over 300 Pounds (The Alfred Hitchcock Award)

Best Rented Limo  
Best Performance by a Hand Puppet (The Kermit Award)  
Best Emotional Outburst (The Paltrow Award)  
Best Facelift  
Best Breast Implants  
Best Documentary Not Financed by a Government Grant  
Best Car Chase  
Best Squint (Clint Eastwood Award)

Best Snack-Bar Trailer  
Best Foundation Garments Showing  
Best Acting by a Non-Actor (The Bill Shatner/Steven Segal Award)  
Best Film No One Will Ever Pay to See

Best "Lethal Weapon" Sequel  
Best Performance by a Morbidly Obese Actor (The Marlon Brando/Jabba the Hutt Award)  
Best Jewelry  
Best-Looking Envelope Holder  
Best-Looking Star Date  
Best Sunglasses in Audience  
Best Acting in a Divorce Case  
Best Best Boy

We've added some special new awards, too. Some could feature

sponsor tie-ins. A few might announced during the broadcast with a "crawl" at the bottom of the screen to live things up during "interpretive dance numbers" or those tedious performances of Oscar-nominated songs. And some might be awarded after the telecast:

Amtrak Award: Biggest Train Wreck of a Hairdo  
Cher Perpetual Trophy: Tackiest Dress  
Pearl Bailey/Whoopi Goldberg Award: Most Times Saying "Honey" During Oscar Broadcast

Special Frankness Award: To Anyone Willing to Say Editing Doesn't Deserve an Oscar  
Most Obscure Disease Featured in a Documentary  
Most Gullible Award: To anyone who believes Susan Sarandon and Tim Roberts have something relevant to say about social issues.

Dennis R/Carmen E. Award: Shortest Predicted Marriage  
Most Obscure Technical Award (e.g., Best Achievement in Sound Editing in a Foreign Language Silent Film).

Biggest Pest (The Mothra/Whoopi Goldberg Award)  
Most Relatives Thanked  
Most Number of Handshakes Overcome to Get Low-Budget Film Made Mentioned in an Acceptance Speech

Oscar Mayer/Mariah Carey Award: Tightest Dress

FUNNIEST MATERIAL OF THE WEEK: Satirist Al Franken, on CBS's funny new "Late Late Show With Craig Kilborn." "Now that Al Gore's claiming he originated the Internet, Pat Buchanan's going around claiming HE invented gay-bashing," Franken also noted Serbia's rejection of mediation efforts by the president of Cyprus to release three American prisoners. "What?" he told Kilborn in mock astonishment. "They said no ... to the president of CYPRUS?"

presents Masterworks Concerts in April. The concerts begin on Thursday, April 15 at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. A second concert will take place at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto on Friday, April 16. Both concerts are at 8 p.m. Concerts also take place in San Francisco at Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave., April 17, 8 p.m. and, Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael, Sunday, April 18. Ticket information call 392-4400.

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## Judge Julie's secret list

## Snappshots

By Martin snapp

"Well, let me put it this way," said the pathologist. "The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk. But I guess it's possible he could be out there practicing law somewhere."

This is not the place to debate the rights and wrongs in the KPFA strike. But I do know one thing: The bloodletting has already cost us an irreplaceable local treasure.

I refer, of course, to Larry Bensky, one of the most respected voices in Bay Area journalism. Larry was unceremoniously dumped over the weekend from his job as host of his popular Sunday morning talk show, "Sunday Salon." His crime: sticking up for his boss, General Manager Nicole Sawaya, who previously had been given the boot.

I call Larry a local treasure, but his reputation extends a lot further than the Bay Area. He won the prestigious George Polk Award in 1988 for his work on the Iran-Contra scandal. And he has a slew of other honors, including a record five Golden Reel Awards.

But his real credential is the respect he has among his fellow reporters. And here I speak from personal experience. Whenever I write about something important, I always hold my breath for a few days until I hear Larry's take on the same subject, so I can find out if I got it right.

Take the first Clinton inauguration, back in 1992. I was there covering it for the Contra Costa Times; Larry was covering it for KPFA.

My report came out first, and I naively bought Clinton's act — hook, line and sinker. God forgive me, but I think I actually used the "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow."

A few days later, Larry's version came out. In his typical dispassionate manner, he pointed out — more in sorrow than in anger — that Clinton was a typical pol with a track record a mile long back in Arkansas, and that there was little reason to think he'd act any differently in the future.

Which of us looks more prescient today?

For years, Larry has been the al answer to Rush Limbaugh (or other like the smug, self-righteous talk show host) never engages in calling or personal attacks. He gives in to the dark side of the show. You never hear anyone (including Larry) pushing their personal agendas. All you hear is a intelligent conversation that makes you think.

This isn't the first time ers-that-be at KPFA have given Larry's scalp. They tried to fire him once before, last December, in an avalanche of protest calls and angry listeners made him backtrack.

Here's hoping history repeats itself. If not, all of us — KPFA — will be the losers.

Finally, you could do worse with your money than to make a contribution to one of the organizations that are aiding the refugees from Kosovo.

It's especially appropriate in wake of the Passover holidays, celebrates the Exodus of the from Egypt. And it's good to see contributions for mostly Jewish refugees come from Jewish organizations.

That's why the American Joint Distribution Committee has opened a mailbox for the collection of funds to aid those from the fighting in Yugoslavia.

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## Calendar

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threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Toastmasters meet every Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m., 700 Heinz Avenue. Call 883-6708.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337, \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Adults Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-6292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stanger St at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6888.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

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Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Matly Auditorium on Henrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Voices of Healing Story Circles, a spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illnesses, meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Strong Women-Writers and Heroes of American Literature meet on Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. This is a free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program. For additional information call 549-2970.

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Section B

**Money Matters** That tax refund may be worth more than you think [B3]

**Open Homes** Our detailed listings put the market at your fingertips [B10]



MARK DEMAIO AND SIMON LANG work on a wall of DeMaio's straw bale home in Concord. DeMaio says environmental design is about harmonizing with nature, walking softly on the earth and living well without doing harm. "Most people want not what's in it for the environment," DeMaio says, "but what's in it for me."

## 'Green design' proves good for planet, people

Bay Area homeowners go the extra mile for sustainable living with grace, beauty

By Dave Weinstein  
CON SPECIAL SECTIONS

When it comes to designing a home that's in harmony with the environment, Mark DeMaio is as committed as a person can get.

As DeMaio walks through a 2,000-square-foot Lake Tahoe-New Mexican-style home he built five years ago in Concord, he ticks off some of its ecological features: large windows in the upstairs bedroom face south to pull in sunlight for passive solar heating. They also gaze out at Mt. Diablo. Ceiling fans greatly reduce the need for air-conditioning. A bright white "cool" roof wards off heat. Cellulose (primarily recycled newspaper) provides insulation much more efficiently than most synthetic insulators.

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ural finishes, not petroleum. The kitchen floors are of ceramic tile, not vinyl.

About the only plastic you'll find in the house is in the wall sockets and the Jacuzzi.

On an adjacent lot he's building another house that's even more environmentally correct — the exterior walls are of straw bale made from Central Valley rice hulls that would be burned as waste.

To DeMaio, as to most people in the world of environmental building design, it's not just about reducing your energy bill or avoiding indoor air pollution. Environmental building design is about harmonizing with nature, walking softly on the earth — about living well without doing harm.

But when DeMaio has rented the home out, the tenants he's found have been more concerned with how well it works and how well it looks than with

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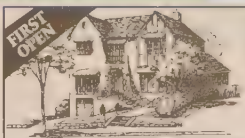
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## Money Matters

By Leila Gough



Leila Gough

Sure, you could spend that tax windfall. But you could put it to work, also.

If, for example, you received that national average Federal tax refund in 1998 of \$1,325, that amount represents almost two-thirds of the maximum annual contribution for individuals.

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find the Roth IRA appealing, thanks to its tax-free withdrawals once you meet certain holding requirements.

How much of a difference could this IRA contribution make?

Let's say you are 45 years old and receive the average refund of \$1,325. If you invested the entire amount in an IRA averaging a 10 percent annual return and made no further contributions, by the time you retired at age 65, your contribution would have grown to \$8,914. (This example is for illustration purposes only and does not reflect the performance of a specific investment.)

But let's look at what happens in this example if you invested the \$1,325 refund amount every year instead of only investing the first year's refund. The lump sum of those refunds would be \$26,500, but if you invested those refunds in an IRA each year and your IRA's investment earned 10 percent annually, you could accumulate an additional

\$82,668 for your retirement or other long-term financial needs.

This hypothetical example demonstrates the potential value of investing your tax refunds each year. Your financial consultant can help you determine what kind of IRA would be best for you given your individual circumstances.

### Portfolio diversification

Your tax refunds can help you pursue additional investment opportunities that can better diversify your portfolio, based on your risk tolerance and investment objectives.

By properly diversifying your investments, you can reduce the overall risk to your entire portfolio, plus you can give yourself the chance to benefit from the added investment growth or income potential.

For instance, if you are young and saving for retirement, you can use the money to purchase additional growth stocks to increase your opportunities

for portfolio appreciation. If you have already accumulated all or part of the retirement assets you will need, your refunds can help with "asset allocation."

This means you can expand your portfolio to include other types of investment such as municipal or corporate bonds. While these "fixed-income" investments can help preserve part of your assets, you can still have other assets in stocks, which can help your nest egg grow.

### Investments

Instead of spending this year's tax

refund, consider investing all or at least a portion of it. You will buying yourself the comfort of knowing that your money is invested for your future.

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## Shopping for a home online comes with risk

By Brian Williamson

While you can buy almost anything online, you cannot really buy a home on the Internet. Yet, you can definitely shop for a home online.

Detailed property information and virtual tours are available. You can take the first steps to obtain a home over the Internet and you can obtain an appraisal. You can exchange information with your real estate professional via e-mail. But the final closing of your home will require real signatures, at least for now, for those elements of the trans-

action that can be performed online, you should take steps to ensure that your experience protects your privacy and valuable assets while avoiding errors. Consider taking these steps to make your online real estate transactions simple and stress-free:

Work with reputable companies known to you. Almost anyone with an e-mail address can set up a web page on the Internet. By working through a solid and reliable company, you reduce your chances of being exposed to questionable business practices or shoddy Internet security procedures.

Use an established Internet

browser software. Programs like Netscape Communicator and Microsoft Internet Explorer incorporate state-of-the-art data-encryption capability. This means that web pages supporting secure communications can receive and send information to you in a manner that is difficult for anyone else to see. Extremely difficult. The encryption technology used

is similar to that used in the International Banking System.

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Just remember: no system is fool-

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New listing! Sunny architect-designed contemporary with large yard, close-in location. Wendy Gardner

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# Bay Area neighborhoods enjoy Edwardian-era splendor

## Gems throughout Alameda's 'Gold Coast' and Berkeley's Claremont

Part three of three parts

In part two of this series on Edwardian buildings of the East Bay, we looked at some of the most interesting examples of Edwardian Era architecture in Oakland and Piedmont.

Now let's explore several outstanding Edwardian buildings in Alameda's Gold Coast area, and in Berkeley's elegant Claremont district.

Just as a reminder, "Edwardian" does not refer to a specific style, but rather a historic period during the early twentieth century. Thus, there is no such thing as an "Edwardian Style building," as any building that was constructed between 1901 and 1914 in an English-speaking country can properly be called an example of Edwardian Era architecture.

Alameda is best known for its Victorian Era homes, which were built between about 1870 and 1900. But this island-city's most fashionable neighborhood, the so-called "Gold Coast" along the western shore of the island, also contains some truly incredible examples of Edwardian Era architecture.

### The Gold Coast

Rising like a vision from Renaissance Italy, at 1601 Central Ave. at Paru Street is a unique "Venetian Villa" style mansion. Designed in 1901 by the local architectural firm Cunningham and Politeo, this fanciful home was commissioned by an Alameda couple to commemorate their honeymoon.

Flanking the round-arched doorway are two beautifully textured, molded-glass windows depicting scenes from Venice, Italy, where the couple had gone for their honeymoon. This "villa" also has two fearsome-looking gargoyles crouching beside the main entrance, and a rounded corner tower at one end and a pediment gable at the other end.

This house was restored by its owner in the late 1980s to its original appearance, after a neo-Tudor remodeling job in the 1930s.

Grand Street is one of the East

### Owning a Piece of History

By Mark Wilson



Mark Wilson

Wraps walking tour of Bay Area Edwardian classics with stops in Alameda and Berkeley.

Bay's finest streets. It is lined with a fabulous array of Victorian Era and Edwardian Era homes on lushly landscaped lots. At 1100 Grand Street is a very nice Tudor-Revival style house. Designed in 1901 by Alameda architect J.W. Doliver, this home has an attractive rusticated stone front porch. It was originally built for a rising young salesman named Peter A. Jordan.

At 925 Grand St. at San Jose Street is a lovely Colonial Revival house, designed between 1901 and 1910 by the prolific Piedmont architectural firm A.W. Pattiani and Company.

This house boasts a charming array of Neo-Georgian ornamentation. The lot is suitably spacious, creating an overall impression of graciousness.

Gracing the west end of Grand St., on a park-like lot at number 701, is one of the finest Craftsman style residences in the entire Bay Area. The Hjul House was designed and built by its owner between 1905 and 1920. Mr. Hjul, a Danish immigrant, built his dream house on what was then the last lot along the shoreline facing the Bay.

Unfortunately, the city of Alameda allowed a landfill to be constructed along this part of the Gold Coast in the 1950s, so this house now looks out across a channel at a tract home development.



THE CLAREMONT HOTEL'S unusual design combines a French Chateau facade with an impressive Spanish-Renaissance tower.

The Hjul house is a classic Craftsman bungalow. It was designed by its owner builder for his own use; it was built of unpainted wood, brick, and stone — all-natural materials; and it combined historic features such as lead-latticed and casement windows, with a low sloping roof line and exposed roof beams under the overhanging eaves.

There is also a rare, Japanese style "moon gate" wooden fence across the driveway.

At 1428 Union St. at Santa Clara Avenue stands a supremely elegant ex-

ample of a neo-Georgian style Colonial Revival House. Built in 1902 for a dentist named Walter K. Scott, this charming two-story residence has a klinker brick foundation line, and a tall pediment portico with Ionic columns that creates an aura of elegance.

A common phenomenon around the turn of the century was for well-to-do homeowners to add a major addition onto a Victorian-era home, and remodel much of the interior of the original house in the process. This was the case with the Garratt Mansion, at 900 Union St. at Clinton Street.

The original house was designed in 1893 in the Queen Anne style by architect F. Clafin. In 1902, this residence was enlarged and remodeled by architect D.F. Oliver, thus creating an impressively massive, though somewhat eclectic, building.

It has several very large and lovely stained glass windows, as well as a wide porch with four columns and three outsized dormer windows set into its hipped roof.

These days, the Garratt Mansion is a bed and breakfast inn, available for wedding receptions and other large gatherings.

### The Claremont

Berkeley's Claremont district is an area of large, elegant homes on spacious lots. This district was largely developed by the old

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# You'll know the right house when you see it — or will you?

## Real Estate Forum

By Dian Hymer



Dian Hymer

"The more you look for homes, the more you'll be able to fine-tune your priorities."

compromises. But, it's difficult to know how you'll need to compromise until you look at some of the local housing.

For example, you may want a home with a kitchen that opens to a family room. After looking at listings in your favorite neighborhood, you discover that the homes were built in the 1920s without family rooms. So you'll have to compromise. You could decide to do without a family room. Or, you might look in a newer neighborhood where homes have family rooms.

Another option is to buy an older home in your first choice neighborhood and remodel it to create a kitchen/family room.

The more you look for homes, the more you'll be able to fine-tune your list of housing priorities so that it's realistic for the marketplace. Then when you see a home that looks promising, weigh it against your list

to see how closely it comes to fulfilling your housing needs.

Don't decide for or against an exciting new listing if your only exposure to the property has been a viewing at a Sunday open house. Open houses can be great exposure for listings, but, it is difficult for buyers to examine a listing when crowds of people are milling around.

One couple almost made an offer on a new listing after seeing it once at an open house. Before making an offer, they asked their agent to take them back to the property for a second look. It was only during the second, private viewing that the property's defects came to light.

Before you decide to buy, ask your agent if there's anything about the property that would make it difficult

to resell in the future.

Well-located and well-maintained homes with good floor plans are the easiest to sell, especially in a down market.

Homes with defects, like a poor floor plan or a location that's too close to busy highway, may be difficult to resell without discounting the price.

Resale potential shouldn't be the only reason you buy a home. But, factor it in to your decision particularly if you're buying in a hot market where everything is selling. If the market turns, you could be stuck in a house you can't get out of easily.

Buyers who can't decide on a listing can simplify the decision-making process by using the Ben Franklin Close. When Ben Franklin

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Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," both from Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

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### Thursday, April 22

Julia Morgan benefit. Join architectural historian Mark Wilson for "Julia Morgan's Legacy," an illustrated lecture for the benefit of the restoration of the old Saint John's Church, which houses the Julia Morgan Center for Performing Arts on College Avenue at Derby in Berkeley. Event begins at 7:30 p.m. Wilson is the author of the guidebook "A Living Legacy: Historic architecture of the East Bay." Complimentary wine and an auction of original architectural prints follows. Tickets \$14 in

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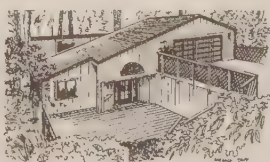
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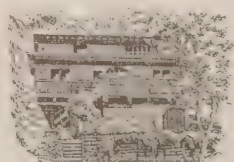
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# Home renovation financing isn't what it used to be

## 'Construction-to-permanent' loans gaining favor with borrowers

No. 62 in a series

You were thinking of upgrading to a bigger home, maybe a nicer location with a better school system. Then you discovered that the market has gone crazy.

The home that you considered buying was at a decent enough asking price but there were seven offers on the property, turning the sale of the property into a mad auction. You found yourself completely out priced of the market.

So you looked at your little home and you thought that there are enough positives to consider remodeling the house and sending the kids to a private school.

You then contacted the architects and contractors and you found that for around \$80,000 you can add a bedroom, bathroom and remodel the kitchen.

Unfortunately you do not have enough liquid assets to finish the project. So you turn to the equity in your home. Problem is, you already have a high equity position (like an 80 percent loan to value) in your home.

There are two options: either an equity line/second trust deed that is based on current "as-is" value, or a construction loan based on future value.

An equity line or second trust deed would depend on your current first trust deed mortgage, the loan to value of that mortgage and the type of mortgage.

If you have a fixed rate mortgage, most lenders can offer as much as 100 percent financing. While there are a still few lenders left out there offering the 125 percent second trust deeds, they usually will limit the cash out to from \$50,000 to a maximum of \$75,000.

An adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) with out a deferred interest option (negative amortization) will probably limit your choice to a fixed rate second trust deed to 100 percent loan to value. An ARM that has the deferred interest option will be limited to 90 percent or less.

If you have good credit, many local banks will offer you an 80 percent equity line with virtually no costs. They often come with three or six month teaser rates of 5.95 to

## Mortgage Madness

By Karen Senzig



Karen Senzig

"The best of these programs will allow for a loan up to 80 percent of the home's future value."

6.95 percent. Your equity line functions just like a construction loan in that you write the bills as they come in against your line of credit.

Be aware that most banks tie a \$500 to \$700 early payment penalty to the loan.

Many wholesale lenders (the folks who sell us money) offer HELOC's (Home Equity Line of Credit) to 90 percent of the home's value. At that 90 percent loan to value (LTV) you can expect to pay around 9.625 percent for a low cost loan and 10.375 percent for an no cost loan — with your excellent credit.

There normally is a teaser rate of around 2 percent below the fully in-

dexed rate (the index plus margin). The HELOC is interest only for a 10-year draw period, an adjustable rate — usually based on the prime lending rate (sometimes plus the banks margin of .50 percent to 2 percent) and converts to a 15 year note after the draw period. Today's prime lending rate is 7.75 percent.

Offered rates are adjusted up or down based on credit scores and loan to value. Again this loan functions just like a bank's equity line.

You could also get a fixed rate second trust deed loan with no prepayment penalties. Most lenders offer a straight 15 year (amortized) fixed rate to 100 percent of the value in your home or a 30 year (amortized) due in 15 years to 95 percent.

With this type of loan, you receive the loan proceeds as one lump sum.

Becoming more popular, however, is the construction-to-permanent loans that are based on the future value of your home after the improvements have been made. Modeled after the FHA-203k program, the loan is limited to owner occupied properties and usually for only single family homes.

The best of these programs will allow for a loan up to 80 percent of the home's future value. The loan

would be a single note. Payments during construction are interest only and the rate is based on prime less .50 points.

Today's rate would be 7.25 percent and you would only pay for the amount of money you use.

For example, the current value of your home is \$400,000 and your current mortgage is \$320,000. The improvements, an additional bedroom, bathroom and kitchen remodel, will add \$120,000 to the current value based on the comparable sales in the neighborhood.

Eighty percent of \$520,000 would give you a new loan amount of \$416,000, giving you gross proceeds of \$96,000.

But the costs for the construction loan are considerably higher, averaging more than 3 percent of the loan amount (about \$12,480) which could reduce your proceeds to \$83,520. The loan costs would be included in your first draw, which could be about \$40,000, so your first interest only payments would be based on a loan amount of \$360,000 instead of \$416,000.

If your project comes in under budget and sooner than the 12 months as scheduled, your final loan could be considerably less.

Paying interest on the amount of the loan is called industry "Dutch interest" and the true interest rate. This is an important question to ask your lender.

But the big key to the construction-to-permanent loan is the rate loan converts to a thirty year rate loan when the construction is completed.

The rate is based at the prevailing market rate for a point loan at no cost to the borrowers. The borrowers do not refinance rates.

The initial costs of construction loan could then be covered for both the construction loan take out loan and in that the costs don't seem as much.

You will also find that payments over the 12 month construction period are considerably less than the higher interest rates of equity lines and second trust deeds.

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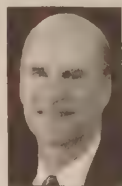
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# Save yourself some leg work when redesigning kitchen

## From the Ground Up

By Paul Winans



Paul Winans

"Let's look at the basic material choices involved in a kitchen. We will start at the floor and work our way up."

Pots and pans are best located near the stove. Consider how heavy a large pot filled with water can be. How far is it from the sink to the stove?

To help determine your cabinet needs, try to quantify your storage needs. Look at your current kitchen. Measure the linear feet of shelving devoted to different kinds of storage. Some areas to focus on include pots and pans, dishes, and foodstuffs. Is there enough for each of these categories? Is it set up in a convenient fashion?

For instance, the pull-outs are great for pot and pan storage under the counter. Pull-out shelves allow you to use all of the space in the cabinet without having to move the items stored just inside the doors. Another good place for pull-outs is

in a deep pantry cabinet.

It is good to have spices near the stove, but not so near that the heat destroys them. A convenient location is in a drawer near the stove or on a narrow open shelf set to the side of the stove.

A location for the recycling bins has to be provided. How many items do you recycle? That can vary from community to community.

Newspapers, glass, cans, and mixed paper are some of the things that are typically recycled. It is great

if there is a hidden alcove where the storage bins can be located. It is also possible to get cabinetry that incorporates bins for recycling. If you can locate the bins near where the items to be recycled are generated you will save yourself a lot of walking.

### Materials

Let's us look at the basic material choices involved in a kitchen. We will start at the floor and work our way up.

Vinyl flooring, in sheets or tiles, is very popular for kitchen floors. Vinyl is readily available, comes in a wide variety of patterns and colors, is available with easy care options, is often resilient and is probably the least expensive flooring option.

Linoleum, the mainstay of kitchen floors from 1920-1960, is popular again. It comes in a wide variety of colors and patterns, some very traditional and others very mod-

ern. Linoleum does require more regular maintenance than the typical vinyl floor. It is next step up in the expense ladder.

Wood flooring is very popular for kitchen floors these days. Wood flooring is often used in an older home where the public area floors are wood and the desire is to meld the kitchen with the rest of the house.

Modern wood floor finishes can withstand the wear and tear of kitchen activities very well. Wood flooring is more costly than linoleum or vinyl.

Tile, ceramic or quarry, is another popular choice for kitchen floors. It should be installed on a mortar base that is very stable so the tile do not crack. A tile floor can be

cold and it is hard to stand on. Tile is a great choice for your kitchen if you want a surface that wears well.

Be careful with a soft tile in a kitchen. It can be damaged easily by a dropped pot or jar of pickles. Tile is the most expensive choice for a kitchen floor.

Next month we will continue to look at material choices. In the meantime, happy list-making!

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And experience has shown that approach results into much equity gains in the short run compared to the traditional alternative of buying a resale residence. As our strong economy has blessed

### Mortgage Notes

By Shaun Aghili



Shaun Aghili

"Many home owners see this as a shrewd way to diversify their assets in anticipation of a stock market reversal."

many area corporations with increased earnings, many individuals are using their yearly bonus checks or are cashing in their company stock options to use as a down payment for their custom home projects.

Many see this as a shrewd way to diversify their assets in anticipation of a stock market reversal.

As attractive as building a custom home may sound, many have horror stories of their attempts to finance

the construction. Most lenders tend to shy away from lot loans; the few who do not often require a down payment of 30 percent to 50 percent. Moreover, the closing costs, con-

struction and "take out" (regular mortgage) loan are exorbitant.

### Times have changed

In 1998, National City Mortgage introduced a new residential lot financing program to go hand in hand with its One-Time Close Construction loan. This lot program offers up to 90 percent financing on residential lots that meet the lender's criteria.

The program's current rate is prime plus 1/2, which stands at 8.25 percent. It is an interest-only loan with a maximum term of 30 months.

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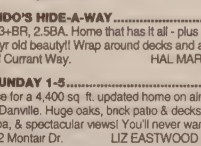
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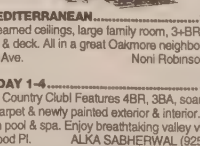
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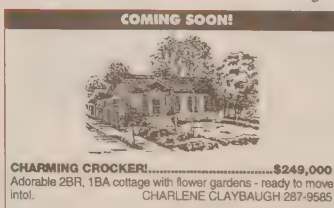
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# EPA sounds alert on possible home health hazards

By Dave Weinstein  
CON SPECIAL SECTIONS

The federal Environmental Protection Agency suggests that homeowners follow three steps to ensure good indoor air quality: First, reduce sources of indoor pollution, such as stored toxins or chemical emissions; second, increase ventilation within the home; third, and only when absolutely necessary, consider buying an air cleaner.

## Testing

According to the EPA, hiring a consultant to test for indoor pollutants can be expensive. They generally don't recommend it, except when radon is an issue, or in special circumstances. Jed Waldman, chief of the Indoor Air Quality Section of the state Department of Health Service's Environmental Health Laboratory in Berkeley, suggests that people bring in a building contractor if they suspect leaky walls, or PG&E if they suspect problems with their furnace.

Is your home making you sick? Although there are many physicians who believe that many people are sickened by tiny exposures to a multitude of common chemicals (many are called "clinical ecologists" or say they practice "environmental medicine," most mainstream doctors and scientists say there is no proof that the condition exists and much evidence that it does not.

Dr. Ronald E. Gots, co-author of "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity," describes it as "a label given to people who do not feel well for a variety of reasons and who share the common belief that chemical sensitivities are to blame."

"It defies classification as a disease. It has no consistent characteristics, no uniform cause, no objective or measurable features. It exists because a patient believes it does and a doctor validates that belief," Gots writes.

Gots and his co-author, Dr. Stephen Barrett, say that subjective symptoms of MCS cannot be verified through clinical testing or lab results; that symptoms most often cited are often caused by other ailments or can be psychosomatic; that the ailment is often blamed on levels of chemicals that are far lower than have ever been shown to produce symptoms; and that there is no scientific evidence that developing a sensitivity to one substance will lead to greater sensitivity to a wide range of substances.

They also say that many of the remedies are worse than the disease. People purportedly suffering from MCS have been told to spend thousands of dollars to modify their homes, to buy ventilators, and sometimes to move.

## Air cleaners

According to the EPA, "There are many types and sizes of air cleaners on the market, ranging from relatively inexpensive table-top models to sophisticated and expensive whole-house systems. Some air cleaners are highly effective at particle removal, while others, including most table-top models, are much less so. Air cleaners are generally not designed to remove gaseous pollutants."

## Asbestos

Asbestos can be found in many homes, but is only a problem if it is disturbed. Asbestos that is in good condition should generally be left alone, the EPA advises. Any removal should only be done by professionals. The federal Environmental Protection Agency has good information on a Web page, [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos). Or you can reach them by phone at 415-744-1500.

## Carpets

"You do not want to know what's in your wall-to-wall carpet," says Virginia Schomer, an interior designer in Mill Valley who runs Building Concerns, a nonprofit group dedicated to environmental building principles. "You really don't want to know."

She prefers throw rugs that can be hauled out of the house regularly for thorough cleaning. Most people interested in healthy homes agree.

Even well-maintained, natural carpets fill with grime and microbes that no vacuum can remove, says Jed Waldman, chief of the Indoor Air Quality Section of the state Department of Health Service's Environmental Health Laboratory in Berkeley. The Rug Doctor and similar steam-cleaning methods can get out spots. But he says they can also encourage the growth of mold beneath the rug if drying takes too long.

There is great controversy about chemical emissions from new carpets. Kibbey and some other environmental consultants oppose almost all synthetics. Victoria Schomer recommends that her clients buy natural fabric rugs, or low-emission synthetics.

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The EPA recommends that buyers of new carpet ask for low-emission material, have the contractor air the carpet out before bringing it into the house, and make sure the home is well-ventilated during installation and for a few days afterwards. The Carpet and Rug Institute suggests that consumers check for carpet that has the CRI Indoor Air Quality Testing label.

## SAFE AT HOME

### Common dangers

First in an occasional series

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## Gas appliances

"The first thing people should be careful about are gas appliances," Waldman says, "because they can kill you."

Carbon monoxide, an odorless byproduct of gas combustion, can kill people, or cause dizziness and confusion in smaller doses. Excess carbon dioxide from a poorly ventilated gas stove can cause drowsiness — and many kitchen stoves are not well vented. David Kibbey, a Berkeley environmental building inspector, recommends electric stoves as a safer alternative, even though gas stoves generally are more energy efficient.

Whether or not electromagnetic fields cause health problems is extremely controversial. Many healthy

home proponents argue that electromagnetic radiation from household wiring or appliances, or from high-power transmission lines, is linked to leukemia or other cancers, although David Kibbey concedes, in his "Architectural Resource Guide," that the jury remains out.

Many scientists go even further. The National Research Council, a Congressionally-chartered nonprofit group that is affiliated with the National Academy of Sciences, has concluded that "no clear, convincing evidence exists to show that residential exposures to electric and magnetic fields are a threat to human health."

The council said that there is a statistical correlation between the incidence of childhood leukemia and proximity of homes to transmission lines, but said the studies failed to rule out other reasons for the correlation, noting that homes that are near power lines may also share other characteristics, including age of the home, density of the neighborhood, and traffic patterns.

## Heating and air conditioning

Dirty air is often spread throughout a house by poorly installed or maintained heating and air-conditioning system. Waldman urges people to check their furnaces before winter arrives. The American Lung Association suggests that furnace filters be changed monthly. Humidifier and air conditioning drain pans should also be cleaned regularly.

Kibbey, who works with many people who suffer from allergies, respiratory problems and headaches, suggests that people upgrade their heating and air-conditioning filters. At the low end, pleated filters at \$8-\$10 each are more effective than standard fiberglass, he says. Passive electro-static filters (\$75-\$100, and good for seven to 10 years) are even better — though he says electronic electro-static filters are ineffective and may present environmental

problems of their own.

Household toxins

Toxic chemicals such as pesticides and solvents should be purchased only when absolutely necessary (safer products will often cost more and be stored and disposed of properly). Every county runs a toxics database program.

If toxic materials are in your garage and your garage changes air with the living area of your house, you could be breathing in the fumes, Kibbey notes. Move them to a detached garage or outside.

For information about access to household toxins, see "Your Guide to Less Toxic Shopping," published by the Contra Costa County Hazardous Waste Program, 4096; for Central County, 804-4131.

Good housekeeping is essential. "You have stuff under the sink and you don't know what it is," Waldman says. "Then the cat walks over because the thing next to it is caustic. Then you have a toxic site under your sink."

Lead

Lead can be a serious problem, particularly for children, who absorb older homes and have some chips or flakes of lead paint. To maintain your house you need to know how to have lead problems, Waldman says. For information about paint, call the National Lead Poison Prevention Center and Clearinghouse, 800-424-LEAD or 800-LEAD-424 (www.epa.gov/leadinfo.html).

Contra Costa Lead Poison Prevention Program, 510-370-1000; Alameda County, call 510-567-6767; Solano County, 707-421-6765.

## Wish list tackles need

Saturday, April 24th, is the big work-day! More than 1,500 volunteers will repair sites in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville, and it is not too late to help.

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\$85,000 5744 GASKILL ST. Single level 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow with fireplace, some hardwood floor and detached garage. To be sold "as is" Marsha Turner 814-4828

\$108,880 1532 16th AVE. Victorian style cottage! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, eat-in kitchen and fireplace. Suitable for large shop, new paint, front off street parking and large rear yard. Russ Grant 814-4713

\$119,000 3844 MAYBELLE. Large 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA cottage. PENDING

\$133,000 6472-74. THUR. Two townhouse in good condition. Both units PENDING

\$145,000 375 JAYNE AVE. #203. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo near Lake Merritt! Formal living & dining room, fireplace, security building & 1 garage parking space. Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

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\$184,000 3148 MAXWELL AVE. Lovely single level cottage. Well Park ready to move in! PENDING

\$235,000 2467 HIGHLAND AVE. Corner grocery store with 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath in owner's unit upstairs. Lois Vickland 814-4819

\$399,000 1431 TRESTLE GLEN RD. Beautiful Crocker Highlands home with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, large Master suite, hardwood floors and 2-car garage with long driveway. Fred Christensen 814-4811

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\$199,900 3862 ANZA WAY. Single level spacious living. PENDING

\$210,000 14178 OUTRIGGER DR. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Seaside townhouse with updated kitchen and 2 car garage. All appliances included! One garage is a carport. Terry Lee 814-4840

\$210,000 14234 OUTRIGGER. Wonderful location with view of Redwood Creek! A 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse with updated kitchen and 2 car garage. All appliances included, community pool, tennis court. Terry Lee 814-4840

\$228,000 2520 BENEDICT DR. Great Neighborhood! Very nice single level home with 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen, plus room off kitchen, master family room with fireplace and 2-car garage. Marsha Turner 814-4828

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\$175,000 2216 ROME CT. 2 bath home with large lot. PENDING

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\$587,000 10 CRESTA BLANCA OPEN. Traditional charm, custom built, large lot, 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen with all amenities, double car garage. Margaret Powers 814-4822



## WEEKLY SALES

By Bud Gorham  
TITLETECH

## MEDA

146 Basinside Wy. - \$538,000  
 1415 Briggs Ave. #3 - \$185,000  
 1418 Central Ave. - \$215,000  
 1418 Maitland Dr. - \$257,000  
 1417 Ois Dr. #304 - \$166,500  
 1417 Rosewood Wy. - \$300,000  
 1413 Sherman St. - \$183,000  
 1417 St. Charles St. - \$204,000  
 1417 Webster St. #B105 - \$78,500

## ANY

1411 Clay St. - \$197,500  
 1413 Evelyn Ave. - \$380,000  
 1413 Pierce St. #4102 - \$156,000  
 1417 Talbot Ave. - \$375,000

## LEY

1410 5th St. #B - \$313,000  
 1411 Adams St. - \$289,000  
 1410 Ashby Ave. - \$230,000  
 1411 Davis Rd. - \$405,000  
 1411 Contra Costa Ave. - \$329,000  
 1413 Fulton St. - \$375,000  
 1415 Grant St. - \$185,000  
 1411 Grizzly Peak Blvd. - \$401,000  
 1411 Hillcrest Rd. - \$380,000  
 1410 Keith Ave. - \$425,000  
 1415 Milvia St. #A - \$175,000  
 1415 Queens Rd. - \$485,000

## ERRITO

1417 Arlington Blvd. - \$418,000  
 1418 Contra Costa Dr. - \$420,000  
 1413 Edwards Ave. - \$238,000  
 1418 Elm St. - \$199,000  
 1413 La Honda Ave. - \$232,500  
 1411 MacDonald Ave. - \$229,000  
 1411 Potrero Ave. - \$245,000  
 1411 Richmond St. - \$221,000  
 1418 Rifle Range Rd. - \$425,000  
 1417 Stockton Ave. - \$202,000

## BRANTE

1415 Stanley Ln. - \$269,500

## RYVILLE

1411 Admiral Dr. #290 - \$164,000  
 1411 Anchor Dr. #486 - \$88,500  
 1411 Captain Dr. #359 - \$100,000  
 1411 Commodore Dr. #428 - \$95,000

## LAND

1411 103rd Ave. - \$120,000  
 1413 106th Ave. - \$123,000  
 1414 14th St. - \$96,500  
 1417 19th Ave. - \$80,000  
 1414 20th St. - \$141,000  
 1414 42nd St. - \$120,000  
 1415 45th St. - \$138,000  
 1410 51st Ave. - \$105,000  
 1411 53rd Ave. - \$120,000  
 1415 55th St. - \$156,000  
 1412 78th Ave. - \$115,000  
 1417 80th Ave. - \$110,000  
 1418 83rd Ave. - \$75,000  
 1415 83rd Ave. - \$88,000  
 1410 84th Ave. - \$88,000

2446 90th Ave. #2446 - \$128,000  
 1315 90th Ave. - \$86,000  
 1662 Auseon Ave. - \$90,000  
 3822 Bayo St. - \$166,000  
 565 Bellevue Ave. #1803 - \$270,000  
 5340 Broadway Tr. #403 - \$172,500  
 2919 Burdeck Dr. - \$310,000  
 3521 Calandria Ave. - \$275,000  
 180 Caldecott Ln. #7 - \$245,000  
 5828 Colton Blvd. - \$499,000  
 6097 Colton Blvd. - \$500,000  
 9507 Coral Rd. - \$118,000  
 542 Crestmont Dr. - \$310,000  
 6648 Dawes St. - \$635,000  
 636 Douglas Ave. - \$275,000  
 2423 East 24th St. - \$115,000  
 988 Franklin St. #1210 - \$138,000  
 988 Franklin St. #627 - \$126,000  
 5816 Fremont St. - \$125,000  
 215 Frisbie St. - \$215,000  
 897 Glendome Cl. - \$375,500

## ON AVERAGE

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 9  
 LOWEST SALES: \$78,500  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$538,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$236,333

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST SALES: \$156,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$380,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$277,125

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 12  
 LOWEST SALES: \$175,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$485,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$332,666

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 10  
 LOWEST SALES: \$199,000

5240 Golden Gate Ave. - \$339,000  
 7801 Greenly Dr. - \$136,000  
 3130 Guido St. - \$260,000  
 322 Hanover Ave. #203 - \$137,500  
 322 Hanover Ave. #304 - \$179,500  
 3768 Harrison St. #301 - \$84,000  
 3439 Jordan Rd. - \$300,000  
 3717 Keller Ave. - \$158,500  
 3136 Kingsland Ave. - \$199,000  
 2550 Lilac St. - \$94,500  
 1257 MacArthur Blvd. - \$120,000  
 5607 Merriewood Dr. - \$221,000  
 6708 Mokelumne Ave. - \$147,500  
 3154 Monticello Ave. - \$203,000  
 6183 Overdale Ave. - \$175,000  
 3101 Park Blvd. - \$308,000  
 2632 Parker Ave. - \$105,000  
 5521 Picardy Dr. - \$186,500  
 4833 Proctor Ave. - \$409,000  
 2159 Rosedale Ave. - \$145,000  
 3014 School St. - \$118,000  
 13000 Skyline Blvd. - \$870,000  
 7711 Sunkist Dr. - \$100,000  
 1107 Underhills Rd. - \$380,000  
 2216 Vicksburg Ave. - \$117,000  
 3872 West St. - \$160,000  
 7084 Westmoorland Dr. - \$435,000  
 856 Wood St. - \$103,000

## PIEDMONT

1096 Annerley Rd. - \$370,000  
 550 Blair Ave. - \$1,510,000  
 199 La Salle Ave. - \$880,000

## RICHMOND

656 25th St. - \$119,000  
 652 Amador St. - \$119,000  
 738 Amador St. - \$160,000  
 2915 Arundel Wy. - \$87,000  
 838 Bridgeway Cl. - \$348,500  
 5324 Brookwood Ct. - \$289,000  
 3521 Cerrito Ave. - \$141,000  
 2622 Clinton Ave. - \$128,500  
 2963 Cornelius Dr. - \$185,000  
 701 Del Valle Cl. #41 - \$94,500  
 808 Del Valle Cl. - \$91,500  
 2318 Dolphin Dr. - \$175,000  
 1495 Frances Rd. - \$119,000  
 361 Harbour Wy. - \$99,000  
 366 Pacific Ave. - \$525,000  
 2547 Patra Dr. - \$315,000  
 1301 Quarry Ct. #403 - \$250,000  
 1610 Rheem Ave. - \$110,000  
 5760 Sierra Ave. - \$154,000  
 3241 Southridge Dr. - \$220,000  
 509 Washington Ave. - \$250,000

HIGHEST SALES: \$425,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$282,950

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 LOWEST SALES: \$269,500  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$269,500  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$269,500

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST SALES: \$88,500  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$164,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$111,875

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 64  
 LOWEST SALES: \$75,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$870,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$203,757

## PILDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST SALES: \$370,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1635 136th Ave. - \$160,000  
 980 143rd Ave. - \$192,000  
 683 Black Pine Dr. - \$213,000  
 1921 Clarke St. - \$172,000  
 14998 Crosby St. - \$199,500  
 689 Elderberry Wy. - \$285,000  
 265 Garcia Ave. - \$182,500  
 15212 Hardin St. - \$190,000  
 704 Juana Ave. - \$430,000  
 2016 Liberty Wy. - \$370,000  
 2018 Liberty Wy. - \$370,000  
 14589 Merced St. - \$190,000  
 833 Monterey Ct. - \$279,000  
 15338 Norton St. - \$150,000  
 2230 Oceanside Wy. - \$338,500  
 2259 Oceanside Wy. - \$336,000  
 14061 Reed Ave. - \$136,000  
 14720 Saturn Dr. - \$178,500

HIGHEST SALES: \$1,510,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$920,000

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 21  
 LOWEST SALES: \$87,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$525,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$189,523

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22  
 LOWEST SALES: \$136,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$430,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$237,227

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 12  
 LOWEST SALES: \$120,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$265,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$179,041

15352 Snowy Plover #64 - \$283,000  
 525 Sybil Ave. #3 - \$185,000  
 1476 Trojan Ave. - \$184,000  
 2488 Wimbledon Ln. - \$195,000

## SAN LORENZO

451 Bartlett Ave. - \$176,000  
 889 Bockman Rd. - \$189,500  
 914 Bockman Rd. - \$182,000  
 538 Cornell St. - \$178,000  
 525 Drew St. - \$182,000  
 738 Hacienda Ave. - \$166,000  
 17270 Roberto St. - \$165,000  
 16441 Saratoga St. #301W - \$120,000  
 2131 Sol St. - \$140,000  
 19369 Times Ave. - \$200,000  
 15897 Via Conejo - \$185,000  
 16671 Winding Blvd. - \$265,000

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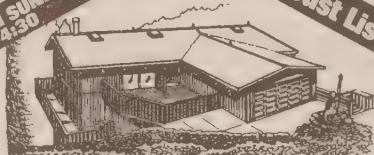
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## Edwardian

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McDuffie Real Estate Company of Berkeley, beginning in 1905.

Most of the homes in the Claremont district were built between 1906 and 1928, meaning many of them are from the Edwardian Era.

Here are some standouts:

■ **Randolph School**  
Bernard Maybeck designed the old Randolph School at 2700 Belrose Ave. at Derby Street. It was built in 1909

as a small private academy, but it was converted into a private residence many years ago. Behind the tall fence along Belrose Avenue, passersby can just get a glimpse of the multiple, steeply-pitched gables of the several brown-shingled pavilions that are part of this old school complex.

■ **Campbell House**

Further up the block, at 2815 Claremont Blvd., stands one of the few surviving examples of a Jacobean Revival style house in the East Bay. This massive brick two-story residence was designed in 1909 by San Francisco architects T. Patterson Ross for a Mr. Campbell.

The Campbell House resembles the seventeenth-century Bacon's Castle in Tidewater, VA, with its massive brick pilastered chimneys on either end, lead-latticed windows and curved stepped "Dutch style" gables.

■ **Saint Clement's Episcopal Church** at 2837 Claremont Blvd. at Russell is one of the sharpest Edwardian Era gems in the East Bay. The church was designed in 1908 by San Francisco architect Willis Polk, the architect who first hired Bernard Maybeck when he arrived in the Bay Area.

Saint Clement's Church has a New England meeting house design, with its grey-shingled exterior and

high-peaked gable. The nave has superb stained glass windows.

■ **The Claremont Hotel** looms above the intersection of Russell Street and Domingo Avenue like a vision of opulence from the French Riviera. Frank Lloyd Wright described this building as one of the few hotels on the West Coast with "true grace and charm." It was designed by Charles W. Dickey in 1906 for developer Frank C. Havens, of Piedmont.

Havens ran out of money in 1907, and the unfinished hotel was completed by the Mason McDuffie company in 1915. The Hotel's unusual

design combines a French Chateau facade with an impressive Spanish-Renaissance tower. The hotel and grounds were given a thorough renovation by new owners in the late 1980s, and rechristened the Claremont Resort.

■ **Paul Tietzen House**

At 2840 Claremont Blvd. stands the Paul Tietzen House, one of the largest private residences in the East Bay.

The Paul Tietzen House was designed by the San Francisco firm Mitchell and Hodges in 1912. This mammoth, whitewashed, neoclassic style behemoth is so large that its owners in the 1980s used to get their exer-

cise by jogging around the house.  
■ **Mereen House**  
The same architects that designed the Tietzen House designed the Mereen House at 2859 Claremont. It was built in 1914, in a Southern ante-bellum style facade, set imperially on a steep lot.

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# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

**5560 GOLDEN GATE**, Rockridge new! 4+bd/3+ba. Gourmet kitchen. **\$830,000**  
Front court. Big sunny rms. 3-car garage. Coldwell Banker, Elena Stone 339-1174

**1850 LEIMERT BL**, Oakmore. 4bd/3ba. Country English Storybook on **\$795,000**  
double lot. LaSalle Properties, Tom Erwin 339-8900

**5833 ROMANY RD**, Elegant 5bd/3+ba family hm, built 1947. Rumpus **\$790,000**  
opens to rear yd. Refinished hwd floors. GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

**6917 NORFOLK RD**, Claremont Hills. Fab new 4/3 w/dream kitchen. **\$688,000**  
Luxurious mstr suite. Wonderful gardens. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460

**5927 ZINN DR**, 5bd/3ba. Family room adjacent to kitchen. French drs **\$659,000**  
to rear yd. Huge DR. Bay view. The GRUBB Co, Judy Rankankian 339-0400

**1088 LONGRIDGE RD**, Stunning 1-of-a-kind 4+bd/3ba art deco hm. **\$649,000**  
**New Price!** The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

**238 SHERIDAN**, Upr Rockridge. New construction. 4bd w/2 mstrs! **\$629,000**  
Beautiful detail. Must see at this price! Wells & Bennett, Hilda Novelo 531-4633

**60 CASTLE PARK LN**, Piedmont Pines. 4bd/2.5ba. Sophisticated. **\$619,000**  
All level w/peek of the bay. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900

**18 KESWICK CT**, New construction. 4+/4.5 trad'l in Piedmont Pines **\$599,000**  
area of Montclair. Distinctive. Montclair Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-8400

**6045 ESTATES DR**, Fab top-to-bottom remodel in great location! **\$585,000**  
4bd/3ba. EIK, family rm, FDR, view. The GRUBB Co, Karen Star 339-0400

**19 CAPTAINS COVE**, Hiller Highlands. Large 3/2.5 townhouse w/fab **\$559,000**  
3-bdrige vw. Lots of privacy. Great storage. Prudential CA, Ted Normart 428-0900

**17 WINDWARD**, Hiller. 3+bd/2.5ba w/pano bay views. Garden patio. **\$540,000**  
LaSalle Properties, Mary Hanna 339-8900

**120 SHERIDAN DR**, Spacious 4bd/3.5ba w/soaring ceilings. 2 mstr **\$529,000**  
suites w/frpl. FDR. Many plus rooms. The GRUBB Co, John Karnay 339-0400

**6447 HILLEGASS**, Charming, gracious Rockridge Brown Shingle w/ **\$525,000**  
separate cottage. 3bd, study, 2.5ba, 2 frpls, family rm, EIK, FDR, yd w/brick patio.  
Templeton Company, Carol Libby Neil 459-3242 2-4

**409 TAURUS AVE**, Montclair. Sunny architect designed 3/2+ contemp. **\$525,000**  
Lg yd, close-in location. **New listing!** Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

**1020 HARVARD RD**, Lakeshore. Piedmont border. 4bd/2.5ba trad'l. **\$499,000**  
Circa 1918. LaSalle Properties, Lois C. Johnson 339-8900

**75 STARVIEW DR**, Hiller Highlands. 3bd/2+ba smashing townhouse. **\$495,000**  
Partial bay vw. Garden. **New Listing!** Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

**6525 CHELTON DR**, Piedmont Pines. **FIRST OPEN!** 4bd/3ba. **\$495,000**  
Custom contemporary. Prudential CA 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

**935 LONGRIDGE RD**, Spacious Contemporary w/random plank floors. **\$495,000**  
4/3, family rm, 2 frpls, loft patio & deck. GRUBB Co, James Garcia 339-0400

**6086 VALLEY VIEW**, Montclair. Custom 9 yr old, 4bd/3ba w/quality **\$489,000**  
craftsmanship. Serene setting. Ultimate kit! Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

**5968 JOHNSTON**, 3+bd/3ba. Charming contemporary w/great yd! **\$485,000**  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

**5642 AMY DR**, Upper Rockridge Trad'l. 2 complete kitchens. Lovely **\$479,000**  
garden. 3/2+1. Hwd flrs. Cozy family rm w/frpl. GRUBB Co, Carin Caroe 339-0400

**5940 COLTON BL**, Montclair. Wonderful 3/1.5 on lg lot w/fruit trees **\$479,000**  
galore! Aupair. Bridge vw. Special. Coldwell Banker, Donna Ellen 339-1174

**7237 WILD CURRANT WAY**, Montclair. Everything you want! Every- **\$465,000**  
thing you need! 3+bd/2.5ba. Come see me. Montclair Better Homes 339-4000

**6218 VIEWCREST DR**, Ridgmont. 3+bd/2+ba. **Price Reduced.** **\$455,000**  
Spac. sunroom, kit/family combo, mstr suite. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

**9148 SKYLINE**, 1<sup>st</sup> open! Sharp Piedmont Pines 4+3 w/breathtaking **\$450,000**  
view! Family rm/DR combo. Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

**646 CALDWELL RD**, Montclair. 3bd/3b wonderful custom built in 1993. **\$439,000**  
Large level yd. Family room. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

**6125 SKYLINE BLVD**, Montclair. Spacious 3+bd/2+ contemp w/high **\$439,000**  
ceilings. Mstr suite. SF vw from new deck. Pacific Union, Wendy Sprague 339-6460

**4128 HARBOR VIEW**, This stunning 3bd/2ba Contemporary is a **\$399,000**  
work of art! Pano vws & beautiful gardens. GRUBB Co, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400

**1903 ASTLOMAR DR**, GG Bridge View. Charming 2+1.5 w/much **\$399,000**  
potential! Private yd. Beautiful view. Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

**7331 WOODROW**, Level in contemporary. New listings. 1 of 3 homes **\$399,000**  
on pvt lane. 3/2.5. FDR, lg family rm. Coldwell Banker, Adrian Giamelli 339-1174

**3516 MONTEREY BL**, Redwood Heights. 4bd/2ba. Secluded, all-level **\$389,500**  
on approx 1/2 acre. Family room. Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

**7140 BUCKINGHAM**, 4bd/2ba. 2 kitchens. Decks. Ideal rental or **\$389,000**  
extended family. Prudential CA 834-2010, Darrin Tinsley 287-5837

**715 ROSAL AV**, Lakeshore. Spacious 3+3 w/potential! Close to shops, **\$389,000**  
transp. Seller Motivated! Price Reduced. Atkinson & Gallinatti, Dorie 763-9901 2-4

**6991 EXETER DR**, Piedmont Pines. 3bd/3ba w/decks & brook. Close **\$379,000**  
to Redwood Regional Park. The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

**7007 EXETER DR**, Montclair. 2+bd/2ba. **New listing!** Bay view, lg **\$369,000**  
yd, rumpus & office. Park-like setting. Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

**11041 ETTRICK ST**, 2bd/3ba. Spacious, open floor plan. On large **\$369,000**  
lot w/bay view. Prudential CA 834-2010, John Bell 287-9856 **Sunday 2-8pm**

**5337 MANILA AVE**, Rockridge. 3bd/1ba. **NEW LISTING!** Craftsman w/ **\$369,000**  
1914 charm. Remod kit, lg attic, basement. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

**34 SERENO CIR**, 1<sup>st</sup> open! Oakland Hills. Fab 3+3 Brown-shingle **\$365,000**  
townhouse. 2300 sq ft. Move in condition! Montclair Better Homes 339-8400

**5716 COLTON**, Montclair. 3bd/2ba w/fireplace & hardwood floors. **\$339,900**  
Woody setting. Lg yd. Walk to Village shops. Art Realty 655-1159

**6343 GIRVIN DR**, Piedmont Pines. Listen to the birds from the deck. **\$339,000**  
Canyon view. Aupair or home office set-up. Coldwell Banker, Rachel Baller 339-1174

**2146 MAGELLAN DR**, Montclair. **NEW LISTING!** Sunny light-filled hm. **\$339,000**  
3bd/2ba. Close to Village. Move-in condition! Lawton Associates 547-5970 1-5

**1108 WELLINGTON**, Glenview. **NEW LISTING!** 3/1 w/FDR & hwdws. **\$329,995**  
Lvl yd. Gar. w/interior access. Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242

**7287 SARONI DR**, Worth the Walk! Spacious 12 yr old Montclair hm. **\$325,000**  
Canyon vw. Perfect hm office set-up. Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

**308 ELWOOD AVE**, Charming 3bd/2ba Craftsman bungalow w/detail. **\$310,000**  
EIK. Level yd. Nr transp/shops. The GRUBB Co, Judy Cain 339-0400

**5945 MARDEN LN**, Sunny 3bd/2ba on quiet cul-de-sac nr Thornhill **\$299,000**  
cafes. Sep aupair or guest hs. Decks. Cyn vws. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400

**484 STOW**, Lake Merritt. Great home w/rental. Updtd kitchen, **\$289,500**  
family room, rear garden. Special! Prudential CA, Walter Edmonson 834-2010

**3901 EVERETT AVE**, Spacious & Charming. Glenview bungalow w/ **\$289,000**  
3bd/2ba, LR w/frpl, level back yd. The GRUBB Co, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

**7041 HEMLOCK ST**, Montclair. 3bd/1ba charming cottage w/views. **\$285,000**  
Frpl, gardens, lots of potential! Must See! Prudential CA, Laurel Strand 339-8301

**4108 COOLIDGE**, Lincoln Heights. Just below Mormon Temple. **\$283,000**  
3bd/2ba. Ready for occupancy now! Homes! Ingrid 748-5300

**434 44<sup>TH</sup> ST**, Temescal. Classic Craftsman, 2bd + office. Oak floors, **\$279,000**  
frpl, private yard w/deck. Retrofitted. Prudential CA, Lisa Friedman 835-6109 2-5

**75 RIO VISTA AVE**, Piedmont Ave. 2+bd/2+ba bungalow on **\$269,000**  
cul-de-sac. NEEDS TLC. Potential! Brigantine Sales 653-8998

**3221 SYLVAN AVE**, Lincoln Heights. New Listing! Delightful 3+2 on **\$259,000**  
tree-lined cul-de-sac. Deck. Nice yd. Wells & Bennett, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

**3854 RHODA**, Laurel district. Large 3bd/3ba in quiet area. Newly **\$258,900**  
updated w/master suite. Prudential CA 834-2010, Steven Naton 287-2509

**260 CALDECOTT #114**, Parkwoods condos. **\$230,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Carol Heath Kim 527-9800 2-4

**3212 STORER AVE**, Maxwell Park. 3bd/2ba split level w/great SF vw! **\$229,500**  
A Must See! Montclair Better Homes 339-8400

**21 ECHO AVE**, Serious flier. Just off Piedmont Ave. 4bd. Nds every- **\$224,950**  
thing, but grt potential. Lg yard. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

**1004 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE**, New China Town. Fantastic Live/Work. 1875 sq ft. **\$220,000**  
1.5ba. Tr-level w/loft. Prudential CA 845-0200, Greg Schofield 466-5984

**1180 53<sup>RD</sup> ST**, Emeryville/Oakland. 2bd/1ba Brown Shingle w/lg det'd **\$199,000**  
workshop & in-law. Must See! Red Oak Realty, Sara 527-3387 X105

**3735 MIDVALE AVE**, Dimond district. 2bd/1ba. 1918 Craftsman w/ **\$195,000**  
hwd floors, fireplace, box beams. Montclair Better Homes 339-8400

**3206 HANNAH ST #1**, Light-filled Live/Work. Original Dolan design. **\$169,000**  
All new plumbing & electric. Prudential CA, Vanessa Timon Smith 524-2526 2-4

**3831 SUTER**, Delightful Laurel 2bd/1ba split-level. FDR, LR w/frpl, **\$162,500**  
cheery kitchen, hwd floors. Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292

**8033 EARL ST**, Oakland Hills. 2bd/1ba. Darling Artistic Farmhouse. **\$157,000**  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Vikki Landes 869-4225

**2940 PARK BLVD**, Two story, 2bd condo w/woodburning frpl, in-unit **\$135,000**  
laundry, all appliances, private garage. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

**750 OAKLAND AVE #304**, BY OWNER. 1bd/1ba. 791 sq. ft. **\$115,000**  
Top Condition! Near buses/carpool. Very quiet bldg. Call 653-7069

## ALAMEDA \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

**1224 HIGH ST**, East End. Corner of High & Madison. 2bd/1.5ba. High **\$299,000**  
basement craftsman. Homes-Link, Joe 748-5300

## BERKELEY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

**2965 SHASTA**, Just listed! 4/2.5 w/GG view! LR w/vaulted ceiling. **\$875,000**  
Hwdws. Deck. Front patio. "AS IS". Berkeley Hills, Bill McDowell 524-9888 X30 2-4

**145 ALVARADO RD**, **New Listing!** 3+bd/2+ba. Elegant & spacious. **\$850,000**  
Bay Vw. Quality material & craftsmanship. Red Oak RE, Kathy 527-3387 X125 2-5

**2750 BUENA VISTA, 1<sup>st</sup> Open!** 2+bd/2ba. Maybeck Masterpiece! **\$795,000**  
LaSalle Properties, Mary Hanna 339-8900 2-4:30

**824 SAN DIEGO RD**, Elegant Mstr w/charm of yesteryear! FDR, multi- **\$725,000**  
media suite, gourmet kit. Huge yd. Coldwell Banker, Adrienne 339-1174 2-4:30

**117 PARKSIDE**, Just listed! Gracious brown shingle in Heart of **\$725,000**  
Claremont. Beautifully restored. 3/2.5. LR w/frpl, family rm, FDR, lg kit. Deep yd.  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Jean Auka 528-9888 X16 2-4

**1 ETON CT**, Perfect condition! 3bd including a mstr, & 2 1/2 ba. Hwdws, **\$479,000**  
FDR, incl. sun porch, spac. brkfst rm. GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400 2-4:30

**1231 OXFORD**, New Listing! North Berkeley brown shingle bungalow **\$449,000**  
w/character! Plus separate legal cottage in garden! Walk to coffee.  
Templeton Company, Ruth Frassetto 652-2133 X147 2-4

**1414 MARTIN LUTHER KING**, Craftsman Duplex, 2bd/1ba ea unit. **\$299,000**  
Rent control exempt. Marvin Gardens, Richard Morrison 527-2700 X32 2-4:30

**1225 THE ALAMEDA**, 2+bd/1ba 1920 Craftsman in great location! **\$279,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, David Otero 339-9290 2-4:30

**2324 VALLEY ST**, Sweet 3bd/2ba on quiet cul-de-sac. Sunny kitchen. **\$259,000**  
Master suite. Rear yd. Prudential CA 428-0900, Glass/Sabine Team 644-5412 2-4

**1129 BLAKE ST**, 3bd/2ba newly renovated. New kitchen. Lg fenced **\$235,000**  
lot. 100% financing available. Prudential CA, Barbara Hopper 845-0200 2-4:30

**2910 HILLEGASS AVE #2**, Elmwood. Classic Brown-shingle. 1bd/1ba **\$175,000**  
updated condo. Fireplace. LaSalle Properties, Steven Biasatti 339-8900 X239 2-4:30

## BLACKHAWK \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 1-4\*\*\*

**120 COTTONWOOD PL**, Blackhawk Country Club. 4bd/3ba. Gorgeous **\$679,950**  
yard w/pool & spa. Breathtaking valley vws. Montclair Better Homes 925-837-2200

## CASTRO VALLEY \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

**5919 GREENRIDGE RD**, 4+bd/2ba. Unique, peaceful, in woody **\$385,000**  
setting. Eichler built. Homes-Link, G. Gadsby 748-5300

## DANVILLE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 1-5\*\*\*

**302 MONTAIR DR**, On almost 2 acres in Westside Danville. Updtd **\$995,000**  
4400 sq ft hm. Pool, decks, views! Hurry! Montclair Better Homes 925-837-2200

## EL CERRITO \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

**901 BALRA**, 3bd/2ba. Views. Views. Views!!! **\$399,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Josephine Wong 527-9800 2-4

**2675 TAMALPAIS**, 4bd/3ba w/Bay Views **\$299,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Sharon Brown 527-9800 1-4

**233 RAMONA**, 2bd/1ba. Immaculate! Hwd floors, updtd kit & bath. **\$279,000**  
2-car garage. Marvin Gardens, Doris Alexander 527-9111 2-4:30

**6372 CONLON**, 3 bedrooms. 2+ baths. **\$269,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Jean Lopes 527-9800 2-4:30

**1617 ELM**, Just Listed! Fresh, cheerful 3bd. Hwd floors, spacious kit, **\$269,000**  
great yard, nr BART & shopping. Berkeley Hills, Terese Ashman 524-9887 2-4

## EMERYVILLE \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4\*\*\*

**1180 53<sup>RD</sup> ST**, 2bd/1ba Brown Shingle w/large detached workshop & **\$269,000**  
in-law. Must See! Red Oak Realty, Sara 527-3387 X105

## HERCULES \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 1-4\*\*\*

**68 SCOTTS VALLEY**, 3 bedrooms. **\$269,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Jeanne Sullivan 527-9800

## KENSINGTON \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY\*\*\*

**68 RICHARDSON RD**, 3bd/2 1/2 ba. Architect designed home with **\$800,000**  
SF view & stunning spaces. 5 decks for relaxing. Serene setting w/nature  
Celia Concus, Millstein & Associates 527-0211 2-5

**31 ARLINGTON AVE**, Bay view w/level living. 3bd/2ba. Private patio **\$369,000**  
Rose garden. 2-car att'd garage. Prudential CA, Nancy Tausig 845-0211 2-4

**4 MARCHANT GARDEN**, 3bd/2ba nestled on a quiet tree-lined street. **\$369,000**  
Close to Kensington Circle, shops/restaurants/8 all conveniences! 2-4  
Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Todd Hodson 559-2915

## PIEDMONT \*\*\*OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30\*\*\*

**11 BLAIR**, 3bd/3ba Tudor. French doors to garden. Family rm & more. **\$800,000**  
Coldwell Bank



## Green

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well it treats the planet. Most people want not what's in the environment," DeMaio says, "what's in it for me." Proponents of what is variously called "green," "environmental" or "natural" building come in many guises, whether they remodel existing homes or create homes from the ground up. Some are interested in saving the planet. Others are interested in safeguarding the health of the planet's inhabitants from the pollutants that they say are often found in many building materials. And there are those who simply appreciate the beauty of natural materials and natural forms, of homes that appear to be built out of the land and which they sit. There is, nonetheless, a great deal of overlap between proponents of green design. They believe that attention to environmental principles can bene-

fit every homeowner. Most believe that these principles should be taken into account before choosing a brand of paint, a brand of kitchen cabinets, a heating and air-conditioning system, or an interior designer.

Many of the ever-evolving principles of ecological design can be adopted by anyone, by doing something as simple as planting a garden, opening a window or replacing household toxins with more benign substances.

## The feel-good factor

Virginia Schomer, an interior designer from Mill Valley who runs the nonprofit group Building Concerns, is involved with environmentally sensitive design because it's good for both the planet and for the individual.

Ten years ago, before she learned about how logging the world's rain forests was damaging the atmosphere and destroying irreplaceable ecosystems, Schomer used to recommend that her clients buy products made of exotic tropical hardwoods.

"I was actually participating in the

destruction of these rain forests," she says. "That doesn't feel good."

As she learned about the possible health effects of breathing in formaldehyde from pressed wood and dander trapped in rugs, she says, she also started worrying about the bottom line. "I don't understand why every designer, every builder," she says, "isn't afraid they're going to be sued for giving people products that make them sick."

Besides the feel-good factor and potentially better health, environmental home proponents say, homeowners can benefit through reduced costs for energy, construction and materials. They can also benefit by living in a home that harmonizes with its site — taking advantage of natural light and landscaping — and that expresses in its visual form the environmental consciousness of its owners.

"People who choose to live in an ecological home start to realize that their habitations reflect their own interests and intentions and beliefs," says architect Kevin Falkerson, owner of Symbios EcoDesign and Construction in Sebastopol. "One supports the other. There's a positive psychological and spiritual aspect that comes with that. Some people are looking for more meaning in their habitations. It's not just a machine to go home to."

Environmental design doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing proposal, says Falkerson, who incorporates environmental principles into all of his work, both designs that are "very expressive, looking very much like a natural form, having imagery that makes you feel you are in nature," to homes that "look like a conventional house. All the features could be invisible."

## Earthier walls

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Sue Phalen of Walnut Creek hired Falkerson to build an addition to her 1950's-era Eichler-styled, modernistic ranch home that would include passive solar design with a rammed earth wall to absorb and store heat.

The design, which Falkerson worked up with the Phalens, very much captures the look of nature.

Phalen, who recently retired as education director for Heather Farm Garden Center in Walnut Creek, has long been an environmentalist, and met Falkerson when both were volunteering for Earth Day at the Concord Pavilion in 1994.

"I really am a believer in utilizing nature as much as possible on its own terms," says Phalen, who raises vegetables and chickens on her three-quarters of an acre.

Rammed earth is a newly fashionable but ancient technique that involves creating walls by pouring sand, soil and a bit of cement into molds, then pounding it with a pneumatic hammer.

The 500-square-foot room, which Phalen and her husband use as a combination bedroom and solarium, features a soaring ceiling rising to

clerestory windows, a wall of windows facing two interior concave walls of rammed earth, and wooden cabinetry and beams from a tree that had fallen on Point Reyes.

The rammed earth and white walls provide a warm, comforting effect around the bed, and turn the front of the room, by the windows, into a bright indoor patio.

"It has a very nice aesthetic effect," says Falkerson, who also says rammed earth is a way of using local materials to build a home. The dirt used for Phalen's addition was dug up on her lot.

Rammed earth is ideal for passive solar heating and cooling. During the winter, the solarium windows facing south allow sunlight to strike the walls. "The solarium converts sunlight into heat and the rammed earth mass absorbs it," Falkerson says, then radiates it back at night.

During the summer, grapes growing on a trellis along the top of the window help keep the inside cool. Mimosa and English walnuts towering above the house keep it cool during the summer, Phalen says. Falkerson built a model of the house and tested

it using a simulated sun to make sure summer sun would not get inside.

It worked, Phalen says. During the summer, she says, the addition is generally 10 degrees cooler than the rest of the house. The hardy Phalens, who rarely use their heater anywhere in the house, have no other heat source in the addition other than passive solar, and say none is needed.

"I've never had anyone walk in here," she says of the addition, "and not go 'Wow!'"

## Social aspects

DeMaio's straw bale house carries environmentalism even further, abiding not only by environmental principles in its construction and functions, but in the way it relates to land-use and social organization.

He sees the house, one of three on a lot behind a church on Oak Grove Road, as an example of "infill" development, as opposed to sprawl. And he is hoping all three of the houses will one day be part of a co-housing community, in which several families or individuals share the homes and share some communal spaces.

## Ideas for setting up productive home office

Galvins Stores

Gathering estimates

You're past the point of using a kitchen table for writing that messy report. You've invested in a computer, printer and other office equipment and now you need a permanent place to put them. The experts at Galvins Home & Furniture offer the following tips and considerations to keep in mind when setting up your home office:

## Design your space

You can designate a permanent space exclusively to your office — a separate room is ideal, at least consider a bookcase divider wall to separate your office from family activity. This will minimize the daily distractions and increase your productivity.

## Measure office measurement

Measure the space you expect to use for your home office from wall to wall, floor to ceiling. Locate the placement of windows, doors, electrical outlets, radiators and any externally intrusive baseboards.

## Identify needs

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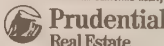


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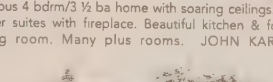
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On the market for the first time since 1975, 106 Ross Circle is offered at \$1,150,000. For more information, contact Patricia Scott, Pacific Union Residential Brokerage, 510-339 6460 ext. 315.

## Internet

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Section C

**Baseball** St. Mary's, Albany see their opportunity in league play [C2]

**Volleyball** Berkeley looking for consistency under new head coach [C2]



EL CERRITO pitcher Curtis Keller delivers a strike during the Willie Stargell Easter Classic baseball tourney at the College of Alameda. The Gauchos finished third among eight teams during the weather-delayed tourney last week.

## El Cerrito finds redemption at Stargell Classic tournament

**Gauchos finish third in a highly competitive field**

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — All in all, it was a pretty good tournament for El Cerrito.

Coming into the Willie Stargell Easter Classic here at College of Alameda, the Gauchos had the only losing record of any team in the tournament.

Yet they finished third in a highly competitive field.

After defeating Alacanes 11-6 in the opener, the Gauchos lost to eventual champion Bishop O'Dowd 9-4 and then defeated Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League rival 7-5 in the third-place game last Friday.

### Redemption

It was a bit of redemption for El Cerrito; the Gauchos had lost to Encinal 10-0 in their first ACCAL game two weeks

ago. Jets pitcher Dontrelle Willis had thrown a five-inning no-hitter in that game.

It was different on Friday. El Cerrito spotted Encinal a 5-2 lead and then came back to score five runs on only one hit in the sixth as the Jets' defense collapsed. That one hit was a biggie — Gabe Gray hit a two-run double that gave the Gauchos a 6-5 lead.

"Last game against Encinal, the field conditions were pretty unfair because of all the wind and I just wasn't comfortable," said Gray, who pitched and went the distance, giving up five runs on six hits. "Today I felt real good and my arm was strong, so I went out there and did the best I could."

Gray helped himself at the plate in an offensive outburst of hits for the pitcher.

"As far as my hitting goes, today was my breakout game," said Gray. "I haven't really hit all season. I've been getting on base, but I haven't felt good at the plate. I did the job today."

"We didn't know if we were going to play these guys (Encinal) or Dublin. It was a mental thing, we really didn't talk about it."

Gray also drove in a run in the fifth inning; his line single to left drove in Dan Benton, who had drawn a walk with two out in the fifth.

### Comeback

"We came back and got one," coach Dennis Abel said. "We certainly felt we matched up with them other than (Dontrelle) Willis. He's awful tough and he's a heck of a ballplayer."

"We felt we had a shot and we felt we could win. We didn't make mistakes and there is a big difference in their pitching staff between him (Willis) and the other guys. We made things happen."

The Gauchos also gave Bishop O'Dowd its best game of the tournament.

It wasn't much, but it was something. Starter Camilo Ramirez walked four batters in the second inning after holding the Dragons scoreless in the first and eventually O'Dowd scored seven runs to take a 7-0 lead.

The Gauchos scored a run in the bottom half of the second when Ken Hirose drew a bases-loaded walk off starter Pete

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## Panthers make their mark at Arcadia

**Boys mile relay among top 20 in nation, Warren sets meet shot put record**

By Peter Mentor

Four feet and four seconds don't seem like much if you were trying to rearrange a heavy chair in your living room, but in track those measurements can be enormous.

The St. Mary's High track made good use of those stats at the Arcadia Invitational High School meet last Saturday in Arcadia, California.

The Panthers' 1,600-meter relay team knocked four seconds off its best time this year to finish in 3:16.71 second, tied for fifth at the prestigious meet.

Fifth may not sound like much of a finish, but the nighttime invitation-only race had many of the best mile relay teams in the nation competing.

The mark is among the top 20 in the country and is also the best in the North Coast Section this season. When a relay team can take that much time off in a single week, it is astounding.

"We dropped four seconds off our time," said St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson. "The guys ran 3:20.54 at the Oakland Invitational last week. We're sixth in the state."

California usually represents the best in track and field in the country. Only Texas ranks up there and the Arcadia meet had anyone who's anyone running.

Running for St. Mary's was Paki Gordon, Kimani Lovan, Jamaal Brown and Denye Versher.

Those four guys will be going to the Penn Relays in two weeks. Their time last Saturday would have been good enough to send them to the finals last year at that relay.

### Meet record

The other amazing finish was Kamaiya Warren in the shot put. The St. Mary's freshman had been on the verge of uncorking a long throw this season and she certainly did it at the right meet.

Warren won the day section of the meet with a record throw of 43 feet, 2 inches. The day section was open to all athletes, unlike the seeded and invitational night portions of the meet. However, Warren's mark would have given her fifth overall for the entire meet.

"She set the meet record for the day meet by three feet," said Lawson of his young thrower. "That was her best throw by almost four feet. She just put everything together right."

The relay and shot put marks might

not have impressed anyone had the athletes been doing poorly coming into the meet, but they had actually been doing well.

"It's not like we'd been running poorly in the mile relay, and 39 feet was a good mark for the shot put coming into the meet," said Lawson. "We think Kamaiya has a huge future."

### Other results

St. Mary's and Berkeley High had some more marks at Arcadia that were impressive.

The St. Mary's boys 400-meter relay team placed second in the seeded night section of the meet in 42.73. The Panthers should have won the race, but a poor handoff between leadoff runner Chris Dunbar and No. 2 man Gordon spelled the difference.

"Chris came up on Paki too quickly and missed his hand," said Lawson. "I think if we had a good exchange we would have won."

Connor Banks and Versher finished the race for St. Mary's, as the team placed second to Muir of Pasadena (42.69) by only .04 seconds.

Still, the Panthers' time is the fastest in the North Coast Section this season, with Bishop O'Dowd holding the second fastest time. Gordon, Versher, Lovan and Banks will run the 400 relay at the Penn Relays as well.

The St. Mary's relay runners also competed in the individual events as well.

Lovan ran the fastest 400-meter race of his life, going 48.75 for fifth. It bettered his time of 49.44 set at Stanford a few weeks back.

Gordon placed eighth in the 200 meters at 22.80 while running in the tough inside lane of the seeded race.

Versher ran a 49.90 for second place in the day section of the 400.

In the 110-meter high hurdles, St. Mary's Quaintis Cann placed fourth in the day section at 14.53, beating Berkeley High junior Daved Diggs at 14.90.

Cann has had an injury this season, but last year's state qualifier is on his way back to stardom. Diggs beat Cann only a week before at the Oakland Relays.

Berkeley sophomore Kaila Sampson won the girls 100-meter low hurdles at 15.08 and she was fifth in the 300 hurdles at 46.23. Both races were in the day

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## Jackets rebound at Stargell Classic

**Berkeley baseball wins tournament consolation title**

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — Although it fell short of what some observers felt would happen, the Berkeley baseball team had a pretty good performance in the Willie Stargell Easter Classic at the College of Alameda.

Sure, the Yellowjackets dropped a 12-9 decision to Dublin in the opener, thus negating a hoped-for Berkeley-Bishop O'Dowd final.

But hey, the Jackets still won two games in one of the better tournaments around the East Bay. They can't hang their heads too much.

Berkeley defeated hard-luck San Lorenzo 6-5 in 10 innings on Wednesday then, after a day of rain, knocked off Alacanes 4-2 last Friday for the consolation championship.

The Rebels had no luck the entire

tournament, as they played a total of 18 innings and were 0-2. They finished in last place.

### Reputation

But not Berkeley. After the opening loss, the Jackets felt they had a reputation to maintain. Coming in undefeated (not even Bishop O'Dowd could claim that), does put some pressure on a team.

"It's two victories and like I say, if we have to lose a game, this is the place to do it in an Easter tournament," Berkeley coach Larri Gordon said. "My big thing is to make sure we come out shining all during league play."

Berkeley's first league game was slated for Wednesday against Monte Vista. The Mustangs were at the Stargell Classic and finished seventh, defeating San Lorenzo 12-2 in five innings last Wednesday for their only victory. Gordon was watching.

"We played them three times last year and they beat us two out of three," he said of the Mustangs. "We kind of have

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THE YELLOWJACKETS found blue skies after waiting out the cold weather, rain and hail at the Willie Stargell Easter Classic at the College of Alameda last week. Berkeley won its last two games to take home the consolation title.



# Berkeley volleyball searching for continuity

## Four coaches in four years finds Jacket program struggling

By Mike McGreehan

Like oil and water, or maybe ketchup and ice cream, some things just don't go together. At Berkeley High School, what fails to mesh is "continuity" and "boys volleyball."

"I have 10 players, five of them seniors," says first-year coach Justin Caraway. "The seniors have had a different coach every year."

Berkeley High, like a number of other schools, has experienced problems retaining its boys volleyball coaches. And as yet another in a string of first-year coaches, Caraway has had to do plenty of remedial work.

Berkeley's returning players, who have just learned to play under one coach's system, have had to acclimate themselves to that of another. For both the players and the new coach, it hasn't been easy.

### Rays of hope

Not surprisingly, the Yellowjackets have struggled. But they've shown some rays of hope as well. Berkeley is 4-8 overall and 1-3 in the East Bay Athletic League.

On Tuesday, the Yellowjackets looked as if they would get blown out by Amador Valley, which won the first two games 15-11, 15-6.

But in a complete turnaround of fortunes, Berkeley took the next two games 15-9, 15-6.

Amador came back, however, to take the match with a 15-8 win in the final game.

"We were playing really well in the third and fourth games, then came out for the fifth and spotted them the first 12 points," said Caraway. "We couldn't carry on our momentum. Our passing broke down and we lost."

"Overall, we didn't play very good defense — we didn't get a lot of digs. It's not an excuse, but we're just getting off spring break and were maybe a little rusty."

Despite the loss, the Yellowjackets had reason for optimism.

They played very well in the third and fourth games. Even more to their credit, they did this after falling two games down — a time when many teams would have folded.

"We did some really good things," said Caraway. "We served well."

### New system

In addition, Berkeley players were acclimating themselves to a new system that Caraway had only implemented Monday.

"We switched to a new offensive system, a new passing rotation," said Caraway. "But considering we had just one practice under this new system, we didn't do too badly."

Setter Kingman Lim is the team's workhorse. He had 24 assists against Amador Valley.

"The new offense leaves him as the only setter," said Caraway. "He is our best setter. That sad thing is

that he's probably our best hitter, too. But you have to give up something to get something."

The Yellowjackets also have a pair of strong talents in outside hitter Benson Chu and middle blocker Aram Fischer. Chu had 15 kills and two blocks against Amador Valley. Fischer had 10 blocks and six kills.

"Those three (Lim, Chu and Fischer) typically accumulate the most statistics," said Caraway.

Mason Chin, a junior outside hitter, doesn't log many stats. But his solid play is not lost on his teammates nor on Caraway. Chin makes few errors and keeps play flowing.

Defensive specialist Whitney Jacobson has also shown some strong play.

"He's typically pretty reliable," Caraway said of Jacobson. "He passes well and gets a lot of touches on the ball."

### Turned the corner

Berkeley continued EBAL play with a match at home against San Ramon Valley on Thursday. This weekend, the Yellowjackets travel to Antioch for the Deer Valley Tournament.

Caraway now hopes the team has turned the corner on its season.

"It's not like we're getting blown out by teams," he said. "These kids have really improved. The difference between the first day of practice and (Tuesday's match with Amador Valley) is astronomical."

The challenge now is to continue that improvement — both this year and beyond.

# St. Mary's trying to repeat last year's success

## Young baseball team is in a growing mode

By Mike McGreehan

After going 14-8 overall and finishing second in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at 8-3 last year, the St. Mary's High School baseball team is looking to maintain the same level or even take a step up this year.

But it's not going to be easy.

Yes, the Panthers have shown signs of promise. They have won their only league game, a 12-1 thrashing of Richmond on March 31.

But there have been struggles as well, as the team is under .500 at 5-7 overall.

Four of those losses, though, came against teams ranked in East Bay prep polls: Deer Valley, Alhambra, Campolindo and Miramonte.

"We have a really young team," said Panthers coach Andy Shimabukuro. "We have only four seniors and (a combination of) seven freshmen and sophomores. So, it's kind of a growing year for us."

### Growing experience

On the plus side, last week's Alhambra Easter Tournament in Martinez might have served as a growing experience.

Though the Panthers lost all three of their games; 16-11 to Deer Valley, 6-0 to Vallejo and 5-4 to Albany; there were some bright spots.

Second baseman Brie Anderson swung a hot bat with eight hits in the tournament.

Pitcher Anthony Mayawaki enjoyed a solid game against Albany, pitching well enough to win under most circumstances. But some shaky defense proved Mayawaki's — and the Panthers' — undoing.

"He did a good job," said Shimabukuro of Mayawaki, "but the team let him down in the field."

Joe Sorno, at 3-1, is the Panthers' hottest pitcher at the moment. But he didn't play in the tournament.

Sorno and Mayawaki make up half of St. Mary's pitching staff. Justin Kelley and Mike Holmes are the other half.

"We usually just go with whoever is hot," says Shimabukuro.

When Kelley's not on the mound, he can be found in center field. Sam Bobo takes over in center field when Kelley pitches.

Holmes also makes up the paw part of a lefty-right combo at first base with Omar Y.

Shimabukuro also plays in the field at the opposite corner.

The rest of the lineup was set with Jeremiah Fielder at short, John Reid in left field, Chris right, Tyson Wong at catcher and Anderson at second.

### League season

Now that the demanding league part of their season is behind them, the Panthers can concentrate on the ACCAL.

"I think this year the wide open," said Shimabukuro. "We can somehow get into the playoffs, then anything can happen."

On Wednesday, the Panthers are hoping the third time is a charm when they faced Albany again.

In addition to the league, the Alhambra Easter Tournament. Cougars also defeated the 12-3 in an earlier pre-season game.

Wednesday's game was a tough, as was a league game.

On Friday afternoon, St. Mary's plays its ACCAL home game against Encinal at 3:30.

# Cougars sees league as wide open

## Albany seniors want a shot at North Coast

By Mike McGreehan

Through its first dozen games, the Albany High School baseball team has shown both signs of hope and need for improvement.

Before Wednesday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game with St. Mary's, the Cougars sported records of 6-6 overall and 1-0 in league.

"We've played some tough teams, and we've lost some games we should have won," said Cougars coach Josh Freeman. "But we're looking forward to league."

This year's ACCAL promises to be a toss-up, and the Cougars hope to make their presence felt.

"We have some high hopes be-

cause we have a lot of seniors who are looking forward to a chance at North Coast," said Freeman. "The (ACCAL) is wide-open. There's no dominant team like there was in the past with Encinal."

Though Encinal is not as strong as in past seasons, it still handed the Cougars one of their preseason losses. But the Jets had to come from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning for their win.

Albany began its ACCAL campaign with a win over Kennedy on March 31, but struggled in the Alhambra Easter Tournament in Martinez last week.

"We weren't as intense as we should have been," said Freeman. "That's been our problem this year (maintaining intensity)."

One positive note from the Alhambra Easter Tournament was a 5-4 win over St. Mary's.

On Wednesday, the Cougars hoped to make it three wins in a row over the Panthers this year. In addition to the win last week, Albany also

triumphed over St. Mary's earlier contest.

Wednesday's contest, though, for keeps, as it was a league game.

### Solid defense

Despite their struggles, the Cougars have shown some solid defense.

Senior catcher Todd Egan anchored Albany has also some good pitching from Smith-Peterson and Mark.

The seniors, though, have been the point of this year's team.

Three juniors — center Tim Onweller, second baseman Ball and left fielder Billy — have also played superbly.

Albany is strong on the of the infield, too, with Chris Weakley at short and David Collier at third base.

After hosting St. Mary's Wednesday, the Cougars will travel to Richmond for their

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The Dragons extended the lead to 9-2 in the fifth, but El Cerrito scored two in its half of the inning on some hard-hit balls.

Dave Rose tripled to lead off the inning and scored when Joe McBride grounded out. Zach Court doubled and then stole third.

After Benton struck out, Gray lined a single to left that scored

Court. Kevin Mello lined a single to right, sending Gray to second, but the inning ended when relief pitcher Matt Powers struck out Marcus Neely-Sanchez.

El Cerrito got its final run in the seventh when Hirose popped a single to center to score Marcus McClenon, who had walked and advanced to second on a force.

"We left 11 guys on base and walked seven guys," Abel said of the O'Dowd game. "Six of them scored. A couple of times we had runners on second and third and couldn't get

them in. We had our chances."

### All-Tournament

Court, Gray and Rose made the all-tournament team. Court went 3-for-8 with two triples against Acalanes. He scored four runs and drove in four.

Rose was 3-for-11 with four runs scored.

Gray went 4-for-9 and had two doubles against Encinal besides pitching a complete-game victory. He scored two runs and had four RBI.

# Jackets

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an idea of what to expect, but we're in a tough league and we always pound on each other."

To say the East Bay Athletic League is merely a good baseball league is like saying the American League East is just OK.

Monte Vista is the defending North Coast Section 3A champion; California and San Ramon Valley were undefeated as of last week until playing one another in a tournament. Tough? Oh, you betcha.

### Good struggle

So the fact that Berkeley had to struggle here may be of some benefit.

The Yellowjackets had to come from behind to beat San Lorenzo in 10 innings and then put together a solid effort in defeating Acalanes, which is the defending 2A champion. "We didn't have that great a tour-

namment," said Berkeley player Greer Wiggins. "It really won't make much difference in league. We have a good team that can battle back for some victories."

Berkeley got off to a 2-0 lead against the Dons in the second inning, scoring on an error and a sacrifice fly by Wiggins.

They extended the lead to 3-0 in the third when Skylar Barton singled, went to second on a ground out and came home when Marshane Adams singled to right.

Starter Sam King ran into trouble in the fourth as Acalanes scored twice to cut the lead to 3-2. King didn't make it out of the inning; he gave up two hits and walked seven batters, but it wasn't entirely his fault.

"We tried to give some other guys some work," Gordon said. "Sam has pitched one inning all season and this was a chance for him to get some work in. Sam made some good pitches; I thought the umpires squeezed him a little bit in that last inning."

King walked three batters in the fourth.

### Adams rebounds

Junis Adams, who gave up 16 hits in the loss to Dublin, came in and shut Acalanes down, allowing just one hit and two walks. He struck out two.

"It was his turn to pitch today," Gordon said of Adams. "Those 16 hits were a little misleading. A lot were due to our outfielders having a terrible day."

"Seven balls dropped into the outfield that could have been caught. It didn't get him down. He's one of the most confident and competitive persons you will meet."

Both Wiggins and Adams were named to the all-tournament team. Wiggins went 4-for-9 with six RBI and six runs scored. He hit a three-run home run against Dublin in the opener and a solo home run against Acalanes.

Adams was 4-for-11 with one run batted in and a run scored.

ninth out of 23 runners in the race.

### Field events

Warren was a double competitor in the weights. She finished first in the shot, but placed 10th in the discus at 121-6 feet.

She placed behind teammate Rosie Aikens, who placed ninth in the discus at 123-1. Aikens placed 20th in the shot put at 34-4.

In the high jump, St. Mary's junior Ebon Glenn placed third in the

seeded portion of the meet at 6-4. Glenn had three good looks at 6-6 and is maybe a week away from clearing it without nicking the bar.

St. Mary's senior Desirea English went 34-9.75 and sophomore Asokah Muhammad went 41-6 in the triple jump during the day meet. English placed sixth and Muhammad was 14th.

St. Mary's competes in the Woody Wilson Relays at UC-Davis this weekend.

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section of the meet

In the boys 300 hurdles race, Berkeley sophomore Halihl Guy placed third in the day section at 40.51.

St. Mary's Bridgette Duffy matched her best time in the 1,600-meter run at 5:23.54, which is an excellent time for a freshman. She was

## Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League results will return next week



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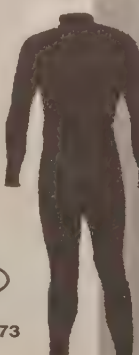
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# Arts

## EVENTS THIS WEEK



Up-and-comers Salamander Crossing.

### Weight and Salvage

Salamander Crossing brings its temporary folk, bluegrass and acoustic music to Freight and Salvage, 111 Addison St., on Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12.50 advance, \$13.50 at the door.

### Bands at Gilman

Never Existed, Scratchabit, Title Fight, Leisure, Jessica Hagedorn, and Outside-In will be on the bill at a show of bands based at Berkeley High on Sunday, April 25, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5 plus a \$2/yearly membership. Benefits the Youth Celebration of the Arts.

### Person social and musical

Area Paul Robeson Centennial Committee presents an after-school social and musical event in honor of Paul Robeson featuring acclaimed Basso Macatee Holte on April 18, at the Berkeley High School 1600 Sacramento St. block from the North Berkeley BART Station.

The committee promises that this musical event spotlighting a local artist will pull the strings of Paul Robeson affairs and help to stimulate the growing interest by a younger generation of Robeson fans. Holte has performed in Earl Wilson's Ballad for Americans, as sung "O! Man River" and Robeson favorites in musicals performed with the Oakland Bay Symphony.

He recently made his Operatic debut in Taormina Italy at the Palm Congress, with the Russian National Orchestra, and in Verona at the Teatro Accademia Filarica. He has also recorded for the Gramophone.

In addition to vocals from Show and other Robeson works by the program will also feature musicals reminiscent of Robeson's into the performing arts with solos featuring music from the by Paula Chokola, and flute and saxophone solos by Edward Fair.

Tickets can be obtained at the for in advance from Markus at 3900 Martin Luther King Oakland or at Diesel Books, College Ave., Oakland. Ticket General \$12.

Students and seniors \$10. Children and under \$5. Details: 986-

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Arts Festival and the Berkeley Festival of the Arts on Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Allston Way between Milvia and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

It's an opportunity to showcase your art. All artists and media are welcome to make an appearance and sign up for a time slot to show your work or voice your opinion about the arts.

On April 25 you can simultaneously be part of Berkeley's premiere open air art festival, an art installation and one of those who will be witnessing art in the streets.

During the Berkeley Youth Arts Festival and the Berkeley Festival of the Arts, which will run concurrently, Berkeley High's student video producers (creators of B-TV's "Our Turn") and local video producers, will document local artists' works and the creative genius that spawned them using BCM's new mobile studio.

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### Potters Guild spring seconds

During the weekends of May 1-2 and 8-9 the Berkeley Potter's Guild will hold a Spring Seconds Sale. Seeking to foster creative interchange in the art community, the Guild will donate a percentage of the sale profits to the Berkeley Repertory Theater, a local gem with a national professional reputation.

Twenty clay artists will be showing contemporary pieces in the gallery and seconds throughout their complex of studios.

Take a tour through whimsical teapots, hand-painted vases, Japanese bowls, tile murals, architectural garden sculpture and other surprises. All are invited to shop at the sale while supporting two of Berkeley's artistic institutions.

Open from 10-6 weekends, the Guild is located in the heart of Berkeley's artisan district at Jones and Fourth Street, just off the Gilman Street exit of I-80.

Free tours of guild members' studios may be arranged by appointment. Details: 524-7031.

### BHS Orchestra spring concert

The Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra will present its gala spring concert on Friday, April 30th, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's extravaganza will be held in the grand Berkeley Community Theater on the Berkeley High School campus.

Admission: \$4 for adults, and \$1 for students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

This year's gala orchestral event will feature a mix of old and new music.

The program will include some dazzling modern sketches and interpretative works, as well as more traditional masterpieces by Bach, Rossini, and Tchaikovsky. Students, parents, teachers, and the general public are invited to attend.

The April 30 concert will also feature a guest performance by Theresa Saunders, the school's new principal, who will sit in with the cello section on a rousing symphonic version of the "William Tell Overture."

This year's spring festival is a fundraiser for the orchestra. Karen Wells, Berkeley High's tireless orchestra conductor, would like to acquire a few more instruments for her students to use in the classroom and at concerts.

### 'Night Music'

"A Little Night Music," today through April 18. UC-Berkeley's stu-

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JACQUELINE PEARCE is Louise (Gypsy) and Richie Mann is Tulsa in the CCCT production opening tomorrow.

## Let Civic Theatre entertain you

Opening Friday, April 16, The Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents "Gypsy" by Arthur Laurent. In this show about a fame-hungry mother and her reluctant stars-to-be, hope runs high and failure strikes deep.

The weary brood traipse across the length and breadth of the land pursuing an elusive dream.

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even though Rose herself is unraveling. Music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by Todd R. Ewing.

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Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. April 25, May 2, 9 & 16 only.

For reservations call 524-9132. Contra Costa Civic Theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito.

## Colorful evening of dance, voodoo and design

The complex cross-rhythms and colorful costumes of Haitian music and dance animate the Oakland Museum of California as Group Petit La Croix performs in the museum's popular Friday evening Fusion Culture series Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Making the Museum Dance! will explore connections between dance, design and culture. The only professional Haitian dance company in the western United States will perform in a space specially designed for the evening by architecture students from the California College of Arts and Crafts. Admission is \$7 for the public and \$5 for OMCA members.

In creating a traditional space within the museum's modernist

structure, the program explores the fusion of North American and traditional Caribbean cultures as well as the relationship between space and body movement.

Group Petit La Croix this year celebrates its 10th anniversary as a professional dance company committed to preserving and presenting the dance culture of Haiti. The group, led by artistic director and choreographer Blanche Brown, consists of 14 artists whose dance and singing provide a visceral experience of Haiti, from the vibrant rituals of Vodou to the country's turbulent legacy of political struggle. Arresting images of religious ceremony, carnival, and popular social dances

are actualized in the interplay between drummers, dancers and singers.

Haitian art expert Susan Tselos will introduce the program. Tselos has been visiting Haiti for 12 years, documenting and researching the Vodou religion. Vodou, for many people in Haiti, is a way of life, incorporating music not merely as entertainment but as a form of devotion and communication with the spirits.

Students of California College of Arts and Crafts interior architecture instructors Mark Donohue and David Hecht will use special lighting and images of Vodou sacred spaces to transform the gray concrete facade

of the Museum into a colorful "dancing" structure echoing the ebullient rhythms of Haiti.

The Fusion Culture series, exploring California as a "contact zone" for diverse cultures, is generously supported by the Oakland Museum Women's Board.

Reservations are recommended. Call 238-6556.

The Oakland Museum of California is located at Oak and 10th streets in downtown Oakland, one block from the Lake Merritt BART station and four blocks from Interstate 880. For more information, call 1-888-OAK-MUSE (625-6873) or visit the museum web site at [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).

## Family Health Program Saturday at LHS

The Lawrence Hall of Science Family Health program is in its second year of providing innovative, integrated science-based health education programs, ranging from kindergarten through high school levels to improve local children's, parents', and families' understanding of health issues and the science behind them.

One of the most distinctive aspects of Family Health is the participation of many Bay Area inner-city teens as youth interns, facilitating hands-on museum activities, and writing, producing, and acting in science theater performances on health-related and teen issues.

On Saturday, April 17, LHS will host Family Health Day. This event will feature Medical Mystery Tour and hands-on Family Health activities for the public, and will include closed-door sessions for health and education professionals.

This is an opportunity for the media to observe and interview teens from Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda who are enrolled in various LHS youth intern programs promoting health education and examining important health issues.

The Family Health program is a project of LHS and the Wellness Guide Project and is funded in part by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

### Family health in a nutshell

The interactive Medical Mystery Tour an engaging epidemiological mystery, developed in collaboration with UC Berkeley's School of Public Health's Wellness Guide Project, features topics such as nutrition, human

physiology, and disease prevention. In the TEAMS Theatre youth intern program, secondary school students develop and present skits and performances featuring health issues of high interest to students and families in school and community settings. Family Health Workshops present important health and science concepts and practices in a fun, hands-on manner for parents and their children.

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The School Wellness Program's Wellness Guide and its Spanish adaptation, La Guía del Bienestar, are distributed to schools and participating community groups.

Leadership Training Workshops partner health care professionals with teachers, parents, youth, and community educators to form leadership teams for disseminating the Family Health materials.

Admission: Adults, \$6; Ages 7-18, senior citizens, students, disabled, \$4; Ages 3-6, \$2; Parking is 50¢ per hour. LHS is also accessible by AC Transit. For information call 642-5132 or check [www.lhs.berkeley](http://www.lhs.berkeley).

## Seventh annual Narsai Toast benefits Berkeley Rep

Bay Area culinary expert, Narsai David, will host the seventh annual gourmet dinner, The Narsai Toast, a gala benefit for Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

This year's soiree magnifique will feature hors d'oeuvres and a four-course dinner prepared by some of the nation's finest French chefs: Jean-Louis Palladin of Napa in Las Vegas, Jean-Pierre Moule of Chez Panisse in Berkeley, as well as San Francisco notables Hubert Keller of Fleur de Lys, Roland Passot of La Folie, and Jean-Pierre Dubray & Sylvain Portay of the Ritz-Carlton San Francisco.

The Narsai Toast will be held on Friday, April 30 at the Ritz-Carlton San Francisco, with a champagne reception and silent auction at 6 p.m. and gourmet dinner and live auction at 7:30 p.m.

Chairing the event is Berkeley Rep Trustee Sandra McCandless of Lafayette. Jean Strunsky of San Francisco chairs the auction. Event sponsors include American Airlines, AT&T, KCBS News Radio 74, Macy's, Meyer Sound, Pacific Bell Long Distance, and the Ritz-Carlton San Francisco. Dinner sponsors include Semifreddi's, McLaughlin Coffee Company, Lisa Lerner Chocolates, Domaine Carneros, Cakebread Cellars, Louis Martini Winery, Raymond Vineyard & Cellar, Beringer Vineyards, UDV Wines, and Quady Winery.

The Narsai Toast is Berkeley Repertory Theatre's largest and most

successful fund-raiser of the year. Narsai David, who serves as host of the event, was one of the founding members of Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Board of Trustees and served as president of the Board from 1981 to 1984.

He is currently host of "Food News with Narsai David" on KCBS News Radio 74 in San Francisco. Proceeds from The Narsai Toast support the important artistic work and educational outreach for which Berkeley Rep has become known throughout the Bay Area and the nation.

Recipient of the 1997 Tony Award for outstanding regional theatre, Berkeley Repertory Theatre has become one of the largest performing arts organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and has established a national reputation for the quality of its productions and the innovation of its programming.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Taccone and Managing Director Susan Medak, Berkeley Rep's choice of material and bold, vivid style of production reflect a commitment to diversity, excitement, and quality.

Ticket prices for The Narsai Toast Gourmet Gala start at \$175.00 per person, with proceeds benefiting Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

The Ritz-Carlton is located at 600 Stockton in San Francisco. Formal attire is optional.

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## Fairyland

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are doing. "It allows them to create stories for themselves and role play with their friends," said Sibbett. The sand surrounding the tree house, called The Sandy Sea, also fosters imagination. "It's an area for kids to role play about crawling out of the sea onto the beach," said Sibbett. At a later date, he added, the exhibit will feature a map leading the kids to buried treasures—a starfish, a boot or gold coins—that will be buried two feet under the sand. Written clues to the "treasures" are intended to encourage literacy skills. But Sibbett hopes that the learning experiences on Play Island will go beyond The Sandy Sea and tree house. "Our biggest goal is to provide frameworks...to do learning later in life," he said. "We're trying to encourage kids to have positive learning experiences." The possibilities for learning that are based on informal learning environments like Play Island range from the ability for kids to transport themselves into a fantasy to the desire to read "Swiss Family Robinson" or other deserted island stories at a later time in life, said Sibbett. Future plans for the exhibit include a "mischievous rain cloud," located at the sunny end of the island, said Sibbett. It will float over the Sand Sea, periodically erupting into mist and rain and will be synchronized with sound of thunder, lightning, and then birds chirping as the "mischievous cloud" passes. "We're hoping that kids will giggle and de-

light," he said. There is already plenty of skewed reality in the exhibit for children to delight over. Sibbett put a fantastical spin on the Banyan tree that provides the framework for the tree house by painting it red. The "goofy" color, said Sibbett, "promotes fantasy play for the kids and adults." The color also "sets it off from the other trees...as a visual landmark." Besides, added Sibbett, "who's to say that trees aren't red?" Aside from the scheduled additions, the designers might be inspired to make more changes to the exhibit after they see kids playing on and with Play Island. After all, "it's not a science," said Sibbett. "It's open-ended, it's blue sky." "Sometimes we find kids using our environments in a way we never intended," he said. "Maybe we will see something that the kids are doing that we can build upon." With a job that requires designing fantasy play equipment for kids, it seems that Sibbett must be in close contact with his inner child. While this is true, he said that keen observation and having a good memory of childhood is all that's necessary for the job. "What makes a good designer of anything is to be in good touch with the user," he said. "Being more light-hearted and whimsical in one's life approach helps too." Play Island is part of the \$1.5 million Fairyland restoration project paid for by 1996 Measure 1 funds. Play Island opened April 10 to the public. Fairyland is open Wednesday through Sunday and is located at 1520 Lakeside Dr. For more information call 452-2259 or visit Fairyland's Web site at [www.fairyland.org](http://www.fairyland.org).

## Fairyland celebrating National Puppet Day

Puppets, puppets, puppets galore will take over Children's Fairyland from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 24 and 25.

Children's Fairyland, in collaboration with the Bay Area Puppet Guild will host puppet shows throughout the day.

For this special event only, adults are invited to attend unaccompanied by children.

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A special puppet display will feature famous puppeteers who have been influenced by the Puppet Theater at Children's Fairyland.

Children's Fairyland located on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland at Bellevue and Grand avenues. The park is currently open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The front gate closes at 4 p.m. Park admission is \$5 and includes unlimited Fairyland rides.

For more information, call 452-2259 or visit the Web site at [www.fairyland.org](http://www.fairyland.org).

## Events

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days and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.). Augustino Dance Theater is a program of the Artship Foundation, a non-profit arts organization based in Oakland. The company will explore themes based on the relationship between light and ark, at the search for equilibrium in this relationship, and the interdependence of both qualities. Daniel Harris is the exhibiting gallery artist and his body of work based on the Hebrew alphabet will be on display. Admission: \$12, students \$10, Reservations 238-5103. Directions: 832-1102.

### OESB at Paramount

Michael Morgan, Music Director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony will conduct the fourth concert in the orchestra's 10th anniversary season on Friday, April 23 at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway at 21st Street. The April 23 and concert will highlight the longer works of two composers: Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 in E minor (1953) and Sergei Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor (1901), featuring guests pianist Yakov Kasman. For tickets call 465-6400.

### Lyric Opera celebration

The Oakland Lyric Opera Association will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Saturday, April 24, with a gala concert and dinner at the beautiful Sequoyah Country Club located in the Oakland hills. The celebration will feature well-known Bay Area conductor, Monroe Kanouse and five gifted young vocalists: Soprano, Hope Briggs; mezzo-

soprano, Janet Campbell; tenor, Christopher Corley; soprano, Estelle Kruger; and baritone, Jacob Venter. The concert will be followed by a Meet-the-Artists reception. The cost of dinner and concert is \$35 per person. For reservations and information call 531-4231.

### Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

The Prometheus Symphony Orchestra's next concert with featured soloist Dorinda Chase is Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m. at Saint Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. in Berkeley. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

### Internet and artists' legal issues

ACCI Gallery presents a lecture "Internet Legal Issues for Visual Artists" by Guy Stilson of California Lawyers for the Arts on April 16 from 6:30-8 p.m.

ACCI Gallery is located at 1652 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

Mr. Stilson, an attorney, will discuss points artists should know when using the web to promote, sell and distribute their work. Topics include legal points of copyright, sales and contracts, as well as business issues of web marketing and distribution.

The cost is \$5 for CLA and ACCI members and \$15 for the general public.

### "Whose Millennium?"

"Whose Millennium? Theirs or Ours" is the topic of an interview of author Daniel Singer on Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. Singer is the European correspondent for "The National Magazine Whose Millennium?" is his forthcoming book from Monthly

Review Press. He is also author of "Lude to Revolution (1970)" and "Gdansk (1981)" and "The Year of the Doomed? The Meaning of 1989" (1988). He will be interviewed by Betsy Bensch, host of Pacifica Radio's weekend current affairs program "day Salon." He writes numerous essays and has been Pacifica's past correspondent for many years. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets at (East Bay) Black Oak, 4550 Shattuck Ave., Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94704. Cody's 45th Street, 45th Street, San Francisco, CA 94118. Pegasus, 45th Street, San Francisco, CA 94118. Modern Times, 1000 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133. KPFA, Middle East Center, 1000 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133. Monthly Review Foundation, 1000 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133. Committees of Correspondence, 1000 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133. and Nation Associates. Details at [www.monthlyreview.org](http://www.monthlyreview.org).

### Fun at Tilden

Upcoming family programs at Tilden Park:

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lawful money of the United States,  
by cash, a cashier's check drawn  
by a state or national bank, a  
check drawn by a state or federal  
credit union or a check drawn by a  
state or federal savings and loan  
association, savings association,  
or savings bank specified in sec-  
tion 5102 of the Financial Code  
and authorized to do business in  
this state) at the North side of  
the City Hall, 1666 North Main  
Street, Walnut Creek, CA, all right,  
title and interest conveyed to and  
now held by under said Deed of  
Trust in the property situated in  
said County, California, describing  
the land therein: as more fully de-  
scribed said Deed of Trust. The  
property heretofore described is  
being sold "as is". The street ad-  
dress and other common prop-  
erty description of the real prop-  
erty described above is reported to be:  
232 DUBOSE AVENUE,  
RICHMOND, CA 94801.

The undersigned Trustee dis-  
claims any liability for any in-  
correctness of the street address and other  
common designation, if any,  
shown herein. Said sale will be  
made, but without covenant or warranty,  
expressed or implied, re-  
garding title, possession, or  
encumbrances, to pay the  
remaining principal sum of  
the note secured by said  
Deed of Trust, with interest  
thereon, as provided in said  
note(s), advances, if any,  
under the terms of the Deed  
of Trust, estimated fees,  
charges and expenses of the  
Trustee and of the Trusts  
created by said Deed of  
Trust, to wit \$144,705.65 Estimated.  
Accrued interest and addi-  
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fore executed and delivered  
to the undersigned a written  
Declaration of Default and  
Demand for Sale, and the  
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Notice of Default and Elec-  
tion to Sell to be recorded  
in the county where the real  
property is located and  
more than three months  
have elapsed since such  
recording. Date  
04/07/99. Professional  
Lenders Alliance, LLC, as  
Trustee, 5 Hutton Center  
Drive Suite 1050, Santa  
Ana, CA 92707. Telephone  
Number: (714) 432-7715  
Ext. 270. Fax Number:  
(714) 432-1221. By: KIM  
THORNE, TRUSTEE SALE  
OFFICER, NPP0061819  
PUB. 04/15/99, 04/22/99,  
04/29/99.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-1776  
The Name of the Business:  
24 Hour Water Damage Res-  
toration, 1797 Sharon Drive,  
Concord, CA 94519.  
is registered to the following  
owners:  
Michael A. Schlink, 1797  
Sharon Drive, Concord, CA  
94519.

Todd M. Dellamer, 265  
Camelback Rd., #314,  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.  
This business is con-  
ducted by co-Partners.  
The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on March  
12, 1999.

Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on March 12,  
1999.  
The Journal April 8, 15, 22,  
29, 1999.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-1653  
The Name of the Business:  
OneStop Spiritual Shop,  
13201 San Pablo Ave. #102,  
San Pablo, CA 94606.  
is registered to the following  
owner:  
Tanya Brown, 2645  
Church Lane #215, San  
Pablo, CA 94606.

any incorrectness of the street ad-  
dress and other common designa-  
tion, if any, shown herein. Said  
sale will be made, but without  
covenant or warranty, expressed  
or implied, regarding title, pos-  
session, or encumbrances, to pay the  
remaining principal sum of  
the note secured by said Deed  
of Trust, with interest thereon,  
as provided in said note(s), advances,  
if any, under the terms of the Deed  
of Trust, estimated fees, charges  
and expenses of the Trustee and  
of the trusts created by said Deed  
of Trust, to wit \$144,705.65 Esti-  
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crease this figure prior to sale.  
The beneficiary under said Deed  
of Trust heretofore executed and  
delivered to the undersigned a written  
Declaration of Default and De-  
mand for Sale, and a written No-  
tice of Default and Election to Sell  
to be recorded in the County of  
Contra Costa, California, and more  
than three months have elapsed  
since such recording. Date  
04/07/99. P.O. Box 3269,  
Contra Costa County, CA 94523.  
By: Kris A. Kierman, ESQ.  
C295208 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 1999  
The Journal April 15, 22,  
29, 1999.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-2498  
The Name of the Business:  
Sportman's Liquor, 1637  
23rd Street, San Pablo, CA  
94606.  
is registered to the following  
owner:  
Ahmad S. Dobashi, 564  
Hawthorne Way, Richmond, CA  
94801.

This business is con-  
ducted by an individual.  
The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on March  
09, 1999.  
Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on March 09,  
1999.

The Journal April 15, 22,  
29, 1999.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE** Title Order No.  
8600090 Trustee Sale No.  
97-11173 Reference No.  
602793-2 APN No. 561-  
02-011-11 YOU ARE IN  
DEFAULT UNDER A DEED  
OF TRUST DATED  
04/06/96. UNLESS YOU  
TAKE ACTION TO PRO-  
TECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT  
MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC  
SALE. IF YOU NEED  
AN EXPLANATION OF THE  
NATURE OF THE PROCEED-  
INGS AGAINST YOU, YOU  
SHOULD CONTACT A  
LAWYER. On May 6,  
1999, at 10:00 AM, Profes-  
sional Lenders Alliance, LLC  
as the duly appointed Trustee  
under and pursuant to  
Deed of Trust, recorded on  
04/16/96 as Document  
No. 95-63230 Book 12983  
Page - of Official Records in  
the Office of the Recorder of  
CONTRA COSTA County, California,  
executed by MAURICIO J.  
DIAZ, AN UNMARRIED  
MAN, AND MELVIN I.  
GOMEZ, AN UNMARRIED  
MAN, AND ROMMEL  
CARCANE, AN UNMAR-  
RIED MAN, as Trustor, and  
CREDITORS GROUP, A  
CALIFORNIA CORPORATION,  
as Beneficiary, WILL  
SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION  
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER  
FOR CASH (payable at time  
of sale in lawful money of  
the United States, by cash,  
a cashier's check drawn by  
a state or national bank,  
a check drawn by a state or  
federal credit union, or a  
check drawn by a state or  
federal savings and loan  
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tion, or savings bank spec-  
ified in section 5102 of the  
Financial Code and author-  
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state). AT: AT THE MAIN  
STREET ENTRANCE TO  
THE CITY HALL AT 1666  
NORTH MAIN STREET,  
WALNUT CREEK, CA, all  
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the above mentioned deed  
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real property described  
above is reported to be:  
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RICHMOND, CA 94801.

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THORNE, TRUSTEE SALE  
OFFICER, NPP0061819  
PUB. 04/15/99, 04/22/99,  
04/29/99.

**THE PETITION FOR  
PROBATE** requests that  
PAUL A. ROTHBAUS be  
appointed as personal rep-  
resentative to administer the  
estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests  
that the decedent's will  
and codicils, if any, be ad-  
mitted to probate. The will  
and codicils are available for  
examination in the file kept  
by the court.

THE PETITION requests  
authority to administer the  
estate under the Independent  
administration of  
Estate Act. (This authority  
will allow the personal rep-  
resentative to take any  
actions without obtaining  
court approval before taking  
certain very important  
actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative may be  
required to give notice to  
interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or  
consented to the proposed  
action.) The Independent  
administration authority will  
be granted unless an Inter-  
ested Person files a written  
objection to the petition and  
shows good cause why the  
court should not grant the au-  
thority.

A HEARING on the peti-  
tion will be held on April 6,  
1999 at 11:00 a.m. In Dept.  
37, Second Floor, located at  
625 Court Street, Martinez,  
CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the  
granting of the petition, you  
must appear at the hearing  
and state your objections or  
file written objections with  
the court before the hearing.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the  
petition and the court work-  
ing papers in the file kept by  
the court. If you are a per-  
son interested in the estate,  
you may file with the court  
a formal Request for Spe-  
cial Notice of the filing of  
an Inventory and appraisal  
of estate assets or of any  
petition or account as pro-  
vided in section 1250 of the  
California Probate Code. A  
Request for Special Notice  
form is available from the  
court clerk.

**Petitioner: PAUL A.  
ROTHBAUS**  
1319 NEWTON STREET  
KEY WEST, FL 33041  
(Telephone) 305-293-8468  
Publish The Cerrito Journal  
April 15, 22, 29, 1999

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-2432  
The Name of the Business:  
Past Forward, 5248 Carriage  
Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.  
is registered to the following  
owner:  
Rebecca Allen, 5248 Car-  
riage Drive, Richmond, CA  
94803.

This business is con-  
ducted by an individual.  
The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on April 7,  
1999.

Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on April 07,  
1999.

The Journal April 15, 22, 29,  
May 6, 1999.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-2467  
The Name of the Business:  
Mee L's Beauty Center,  
478 Sunvalley Mall, Con-  
cord, CA 94520.  
is registered to the following  
owners:  
Peter Nguyen, Thach  
Phuoc, 478 Sunvalley Mall,  
Concord, CA 94521.

This business is con-  
ducted by a husband and  
wife.  
The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on March  
1999.

Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on April 08,  
1999.

The Journal April 15, 22, 29,  
May 6, 1999.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-2150  
The Name of the Business:  
Home Tech Repair, 5144  
Rain Cloud Drive, El  
Solano, CA 94803.  
is registered to the following  
corporation:  
E.A. Robinson, Inc., CA.  
This business is con-  
ducted by a general partner-  
ship.  
The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on March  
1, 1999.  
Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on March 28,  
1999.  
The Journal April 15, 22, 29,  
May 6, 1999.

**NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 99-1951  
The Name of the Business:  
The Klowa Group, 9445  
Alcorta Blvd., San Ramon,  
CA 94583.  
is registered to the following  
owners:  
J. Christopher Hoyt, Janis  
Elliot Hoyt, 9445 Alcorta  
Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583.  
This business is con-  
ducted by a husband and  
wife.

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name listed herein on March  
17, 1999.  
Statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of Contra  
Costa County on March 18,  
1999.

The Journal April 15, 22, 29,  
May 6, 1999.

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# Calendar

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with a kaleidoscope of music and dance on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. The Young Artists Repertory Series is EBCPA's annual forum for emerging young artists in North-  
ern California to present both new and traditional works in the repertoires. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors and youth. Call 234-4864 for ticket reservations and information.

**The second concert in the Midsummer Mozart Festival** Spring chamber music series features pianist Clark Griffin in recital, performing J.S. Bach's The Well Tempered Clavier, Book II, Tuesday April 20 at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Call (415) 392-4400.

**The Kensington Symphony Orchestra** presents a program of twentieth-century music on Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. The performance takes place at the First Baptist Church, Sonoma and Solano Streets, Richmond. Mike Graber, pianist, will play Abade for piano and Winds by Francis Poulenc. The orchestra will perform St. Paul Suite for Strings by Gustav Holst and Symphonic Variations, Opus 76 by Antonin Dvorak. Tickets are available at the door: \$10, general, \$8 seniors, children under 12 free. For additional information call 525-4786.

**Chamber Music Sundae** presents San Francisco Symphony musicians performing Hoffman Mandolin and Viola Duo, the Tchaikovsky Sextet and Britten's Oboe Quartet featuring the Symphony's new Associate Principal Oboe, Eugene Isotov, at 3:15 p.m. in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets at the door \$15, seniors and students \$12. For information call (415) 584-5946.

**Gary Kant**, acknowledged by Time Magazine as "the world's leading solo bassist" and long-time collaborator Harmon Lewis, returns to the Bay Area on April 18 at 8 p.m. for a one-time benefit performance for The Crowden School and Community Music Center. Joining Kant in the performance of the Rossini Grand Duo will be acclaimed cellist, Emil Mland. The benefit will take place at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft



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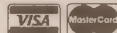
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**ALAMEDA** - 1610 Minut. Sat. 9-1. 3 refrigerators, washer/ gas dryer, x-long twin bed, antique bedroom set, rug, more.  
**ALAMEDA** - 1521 Fountain/ Lincoln. Friday/ Saturday 8-4. 30's chrome pedestal table, dinette chairs, Acid glass bedside lamps, vintage treasures, 45 yrs of stuff. No easy birds.  
**ALAMEDA** - 1103 Park Ave. Sat/ Sun 9-2. Moving Sale. Everything must go! No reasonable offers turned down.  
**ALAMEDA** - 1118 Park Ave. Sat. 9-2. Miscellaneous householdware and handbags, treadmill, gas heater, shelves, girls bike.  
**BERKELEY** - Dwight and McKinley Sat. 10-2. Giant 70-Family Sale! Walden School.  
**BERKELEY** - Epworth Church, 1953 Hopkins Saturday, 9am-1:30pm. Forty-family Sale. Early bird admission \$10. 8-9am Toys, clothing, housewares, furniture.  
**BERKELEY** - 2243 5th St. at Bancroft. Sat 10-2. Gallery and framing studio cleanup sale. Art, art supplies, frames, misc household, decorative, silly stuff.  
**BERKELEY** - 1733 Madiera. Sat 8-4. Huge 30+ family sale (non-profit). Books, clothes, toys, furniture, more. Lots of everything!  
**OAKLAND** - Pleasant Valley Courts Sat. 10-1. Multi-family Sale. Furniture, electronics, toys, good stuff! Rain date 4/24.  
**OAKLAND** - 680 Alms Pl. Saturday, 12-4. Furniture, household items.  
**OAKLAND** - 6327 Ascot Dr. Moving Sale Sat. 9-5. Designer Fabrics, jewelry, clothing, interesting misc items.  
**OAKLAND** - 5735 Ayala Ave. Sat. 4/17, 9-7. Hoosier Cabin, Furniture, Garden Stuffs, Dryer, Computer, Clothing and lot more.  
**OAKLAND** - 4362 Piedmont Ave. Sat. April 17th, 10-5. Warehouse Piano Sale, 10 pianos, \$325 each. One Day Only!  
**OAKLAND** - 4125 Piedmont Ave. Sat. 11am-2pm. Upscale Costume Jewelry, Hosiery, Hobbs, Robert, Tri-fari, Weiss. Vendor: Remember When.  
**OAKLAND** - 401 Monte Vista. Sidewalk Sale Sat. 10-4. Collectible, Water Colors, Household Items, Clothing, Books and more.  
**OAKLAND** - 3521 Rhoda (Diamond) Sat. 9-3. English gentleman's smorle, single be', NordicTrac, entertainment center, clothing, moving boxes, puppet toys.  
**OAKLAND** - 3227 Sylvan Ave. (35th Wisconsin/ Laurel) Sat. 9-1. Patio furniture, mattress, clothing, kitchenware, miscellaneous great bargains.  
**OAKLAND** - 4031-4025 Magee Ave. Sat. 8-3. Block Sale. Multi-Family. Baby, kids stuff, clothes, lots more!  
**ESTATE SALE**  
**ORINDA** - 21 La Norla (off Camino Sobrante) Saturday, 10am-5pm. 17th-18th 10-4. Everything must go after 30 years, in house, garage, yard.  
**PIEDMONT** - 131 Highland Ave. Sat. 10-4. Moving Sale. Small appliances, Household, furniture, clothing, sports, games, books, bike, video's.  
**PIENMONT** - 839 Kingston Ave. Sat. 4/17, 10-2. Multi-Family, Household Items, Electronics, Books, Clothes, Tools, and more.  
**RICHMOND** - 581 25th Street/ Roosevelt Estate Sat 10-4. Sun 12-4. Victorian furn, glassware, china, old books, costume jewelry, sheet music, linens, service for 12 Nortolas and more. Iris.  
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## 204 Found

FOUND small Terrier, Laurel district 510-833-9525

FOUND black rabbit, April 7th at Broadway Terrace/Hermosa Call 923-6223

CAT, 3/51, butterscotch cream color Very sweet, Yosemite Ave, n Piedmont Ave, Oakland, Call 510-654-9626

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## 205 Giveaway

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## Mercedes-Benz scores with stylish S-class

Coup-like profile, lightweight materials make this ride a 'work of art'

By ARNOLD WECHTER  
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE  
PHOENIX, Ariz. — It is hard to impress this nation's automotive writers. They've seen it all.

But they, and we're including yours truly, were awed by the all-new Mercedes-Benz flagship, the S-Class Sedan. I think without a dissenting vote, they agreed it was arguably the finest production car in the world.

Over the years we never considered Mercedes-Benz models as beautiful or works of art. The S-Class changes that. It is beautiful and regal. It is fit for royalty.

There is no doubt that it is a Mercedes, but the styling is highlighted by a coupe-like profile and a unique "face" reminiscent of the company's oval-headlight models. The grille is streamlined but it definitely shows its Mercedes heritage. The design is stylish and at the same time hides the fact that this is a large automobile.

Its sleek styling is shown in the fact that it carries an 0.27 cd aerodynamic rating. Few sedans of any size match this figure.

It is a completely different car than its predecessor. The old version was a fine automobile but generally thought too bulky and big for the modern world. The leaner, sleeker new model is nearly 500 pounds lighter, thanks to the use of a variety of lightweight materials such as high-strength aluminum and magnesium. This leads to increased performance and fuel efficiency.

Three inches shorter than last year's model, the rear legroom — already among the greatest in the industry — has been increased by nearly an inch.

The safety technology incorporated into the S-Class makes it the leader for the rest of the auto industry. Its smart passenger airbag can deploy with partial force in a low-speed collision and full

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# Eyes, ears on DaimlerChrysler at New York auto show

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

More than a year has passed since the entity known as DaimlerChrysler was created by joining Germany's Mercedes-Benz and Chrysler, America's third-largest carmaker. The year has been a watchful one for automotive journalists, looking for clues to see what road into the future the company will take.

Judging from the talk at the New York Auto Show in April, if anyone still thinks that the fusion of the two names was a merger instead of a take-over he (or she) isn't a journalist. That was clear from the jokey talk in the media room. "They're going to simplify the name," said one journalist. "They'll take the 'Daiml' from Daimler and the 'er' from

Chrysler." But the best was: "How do you pronounce 'DaimlerChrysler'?"

Answer: "Daimler. The 'Chrysler' is silent." Oooh.

Joking aside, the pronunciation of the name does give pause. One hears it DIMEler, the German way, and DAMEler, which is how the British pronounce the same spelling of a car name that is owned by Jaguar. Indeed, Daimler (DAMEler) is one of the oldest names on a British car and is essentially an ultra-posh Jaguar, which Ford now owns.

Pressroom speculators played with the thought of what a stir Ford could create if they chose to dub a future model "Daimler" (DAMEler).

What would Daimler (DIMEler) do about that? An unlikely scenario, but fun to contemplate. But what about the year of DaimlerChrysler? How has it been?

Management has called it a success. Costs down, profits up and stock on the upturn. Evidence remains that not all are delighted with the changes.

Some eight or nine top people have left Chrysler for other pastures, at least perceived as greener. And rumors of still others contemplating a change were mongered about the auto show floor. Juergen Schrempp, chairman of DaimlerChrysler, pooh-poohed the departures saying that those leaving constituted a scant handful out of millions of employees.

He added that if DaimlerChrysler needed more executives they would "buy" them.

The feeling around the auto show was that "buy" was perhaps an ill-chosen word given the past reputation of Mercedes-Benz for arrogance, a rap the company has been trying to mitigate by actually paying attention to input from buyers.

"Schrempp's English is too good to explain away that word (buy) as an error," said one longtime observer of the automotive scene.

Among the rumors being picked over at the show was that Robert Eaton, the Chrysler CEO who represented the American company in the organization of DaimlerChrysler, and also designated as chairman of the new company, was going to leave the international company earlier than his previously intended retirement date of 2001.

Eaton did not deny the possibility. Said an observer: "Why not? He's done what he set out to do when he came to Chrysler from General Motors."

A cynic put in: "You mean assured himself of a rather massive fortune for a simple Arkansas City, Kansas boy?" The Observer wasn't buying that. "No. Bob Eaton wanted to make sure that Chrysler would never be in the precarious position it was several years ago. He's done that."

The cynic remarked, recalling news briefings from the Vietnam war:

"Isn't that rather like bombing a village to 'save' it?" Or maybe like Scarlett O'Hara vowing to never be hungry again. Well, none of the executives will be.

The unions are not so certain that their members fared as well in the deal as they were led to believe they would. That is another point under observation.

Still another observer, perhaps partly cynical, noted that the two chairmen of the new company were both designated "chairman" rather than "co-chairman." He said: "That means whenever Eaton leaves, whether in a few months, or in 2001, there will be no replacement for him. DaimlerChrysler will be clearly German."

But that was no revelation. Leaving Schrempp as the sole chairman was the plan from the start.

Rumors sometimes start as a question and then in the telling lose the upward inflection. "Is Tom Gale leaving Chrysler?" was the question I heard in the morning. Tom Gale is a Chrysler vice president and the man responsible for Chrysler's clear leadership in automotive design. By evening the question mark was gone. "Tom Gale is leaving, too."

That's the dynamic of too many automotive journalists in too close an environment. I wrote a note about it with "UNVERIFIED!" in red. One learns so much at auto shows. Some of it useful.

# 'Little' Honda CR-V engine gets power boost

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

With sport utility vehicles becoming bigger, heavier, and more expensive, it's nice to know there are small, easy-to-handle models available. Case in point: Honda CR-V.

A couple years ago when Honda introduced this SUV, it captured the hearts of a lot of buyers. In no time, the CR-V became the best selling SUV in its class. So what does Honda do to improve the CR-V? If they make it bigger, the cute little SUV will lose its attractiveness to many buyers. Honda's solution: keep this fun-to-drive sport ute the same size, but add more horsepower.

Under the hood of this 1999 model is an aluminum 2.0-liter, four cylinder, DOHC 16-valve engine that produces 146 horsepower, an increase of power by 20 horses. That's not super powerful by today's standards, but its performance wasn't lacking. This CR-V had all the get-up-and-go required for climbing some steep hills in rugged off-road terrain. And it's also capable of towing up to 1,000 pounds.

My tester was the top-of-the-line EX model with four-wheel drive. Well equipped, it sells for \$21,233. The only options included were floor mats and roof rack. I was surprised to see all the amenities that were standard equipment. Other models are the 2WD LX and 4WD LX. My tester had a five-speed manual transmission; for those who prefer, an automatic is available.

This four-door SUV features Real Time 4WD. Under normal conditions, it operates in front-

wheel drive, but should the road surface change and become slippery, the Real Time 4WD automatically engages to distribute the power to both front and rear wheels for improved traction.

Honda people boast that their CR-V has one of the largest interiors in its class with 98 cubic feet of passenger volume and more than eight inches ground clearance. I found it was easy to enter, offered good visibility and was very manageable to park.

One unusual feature, especially when you're miles from a drive-in, is the fold-out picnic table. Or if you do use a drive-thru, the CR-V offers the convenience of an eating tray between the driver and passenger seats that easily folds away.

Another noteworthy item is front and rear 12V accessory power outlets. Other amenities: a micron air-filtration system, power door locks, rear seat heater ducts, cargo area light, lockable glove compartment, cargo hook, door pocket storage bins, and the list goes on. In addition to the usual adjustment on the driver's seat, it has a manual height adjustment, which improves visibility for smaller drivers.

As for safety, there are dual airbags plus manual head restraints for the front and the outer rear seats. The doors contain side impact beams.



1999 HONDA CR-V EX 4WD.

The rear seat has the 50/50 split for increasing cargo capacity. It also has a curtain to conceal valuable cargo.

Other features that are new for the 1999 model are illuminated power window switches, a more durable spare tire cover, new interior seat material, adjustable pas-

senger armrest, and rear cup holders in the door panels.

The EX model has anti-lock brakes, 15-inch alloy wheels and a remote entry system. The wheels and the remote are available on the LX models as options.

In an age when most manufacturers are finding ways to decrease

the interior noise, the CR-V comparatively noisy was a quick fix. I simply added a CD and cranked up the music. As for the ride quality, it was comfortable, similar to the ride of larger, heavier cars, which proves bigger isn't necessarily better.

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Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

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# Chance led high school student to '70 Dodge Challenger

## Classic classics

By Vern Parker

raised by selling his motorcycle.

Taking a look at the half-rusted-away Dodge in her garage, Belevender's mother exclaimed, "I can't believe you sold a beautiful motorcycle to get that piece of junk."

A lot of surprises lay in wait for Belevender. One of the side exhaust pipe megaphones was on the car and the other was in the trunk. The odometer registered 75,000 miles, but really was a mystery figure, he says.

Even though he was able to get the engine running, he shut it down before the smoke police arrived. If there were any rings left in the engine, they were bad.

Belevender totally rebuilt the 340 Six Pack engine, as well as the automatic transmission and rear end. With most of the mechanical work completed, Belevender turned to the cosmetics. As the car stands, only the roof and right door are original.

The Dodge was an original Wisconsin car and, evidently, spent most of its years in the Wisconsin/Michigan area which explains the severe rust problem.

Belevender found a pair of rust-free quarter panels in Arizona. The left door and decklid were salvaged

from the wreckage of his brother Keith's car. The fiberglass hood, of course, was rust-proof. In desperation, Belevender and a friend set aside a weekend to find a pair of solid front fenders.

They left Michigan on a Friday in a pickup truck and drove south until they figured they were in a rust-free area. They were in Georgia.

They visited about 20 junkyards and found one good fender. Sunday morning they spotted a car of the appropriate year, model and make behind a house and the elusive fender looked in good condition.

No one was home. Belevender and his friend agreed to wait until noon before heading for home with only one fender.

Minutes before the pair were to leave, the owner drove into the driveway. Explaining they wanted to buy a fender off the Dodge in the backyard, the owner said he had already sold the entire car. Belevender persevered until the owner agreed, warning it was going to cost him \$75.

Belevender kept a straight face while he paid the man, and then drove back to Michigan with dent-free Georgia fenders and a smile.

Since the car was reassembled in the spring of 1984, Belevender has driven it about 15,000 miles. "Most of the miles were put on in the first year," he says.



CRAIG BELEVENDER'S restored 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A.

As for all the time the Dodge spent occupying space in the garage, Belevender says, "Dad's been a pretty good sport about it."

After the car was reassembled,

Belevender married his girlfriend, Linda, and then entered Central Michigan University.

While he was matriculating, his beloved Dodge languished in his

parents' garage.

Landing a job in October, 1989 permitted him and his wife to buy a home with a garage for his Dodge, freeing the space in his folks' garage.

# Make sure your car cover 'breathes' to guard against moisture

## Ask the auto doc

By Junior Damato

outside for months. There are mildew eliminator products on the market.

### Can't change to 4WD

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 GMC Sonoma SLE 4x4. The problem is with the electronic 4x4 push button engagement. If I try to change from 2WD to 4WD high and low range, it will not switch properly. I have replaced the button assembly and expensive control module under the dash. If I disconnect the battery for a while, then reconnect it, the but-

tons operate properly for a few days. What can you suggest? Leon

Dear Leon: The first mistake is replacing parts without understanding electrical switching. You need to either buy the factory shop manual for your GMC, or find a shop with the Mitchell On-Demand data base so they can print out the correct trouble flow chart to test and repair the system. Your other choice is to take the pickup to the dealer. There is a three line vacuum switch mounted on the transmission (driver side) that is a common failure on the 4WD system.

### Weak turbo charger?

Dear Doctor: We are the original owners of a 1987 Subaru Turbo XT.

When the engine temperature is normal, the engine loses power like the turbo charger stops working. A computer analysis indicated a number of problems which could cause the problem. I replaced the turbo charger and catalytic converter, and had a full tune-up. The loss of power still exists. Can you offer any advice? Bob

Dear Bob: Computer memory faults are a good place to start as you did, however, a fault code doesn't mean that the actual problem is in the circuit. A rich or lean trouble code would be in the oxygen sensor circuit, which can be caused from too much or too little fuel, not necessarily a faulty O2 sensor. Your next step is to have the shop hook up a

fuel pressure tester and vacuum gauge and take a road test. These basic tests will tell the shop if there is a restriction in the exhaust or low fuel pressure. I have seen both problems on these vehicles.

### What's with the SSS light?

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Cadillac DeVille which I purchased new and kept dealer-serviced. In the past 25 months, the SSS light has come on. Each time the problem has been one of the struts, costing between \$700-\$900. All the original struts have failed from 54,000 to 74,000 miles. The dealer said the gas part of the strut was fine, the problem is the electrical portion for the speed

sensitive ride and road condition. Was it necessary to replace them, and is this normal? Charles

Dear Charles: I have replaced many struts on DeVilles with speed sensitive ride control, all having the same condition—the electrical portion of the valve action of the strut. This seems to be a common failure. To have the car handle and ride properly, I would suggest the replacement of the problem strut. You should ask the dealer to meet with the Cadillac zone representative to discuss a possible financial consideration on this problem.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347



MERCEDES-BENZ is taking the highway to the runway by introducing the new designo product line at the Johnson Fall '99 Show held during New York's Fashion Week.

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Betty Johnson is known for cutting-edge, colorful, fun and fashionable designs—the same attributes that define the new Mercedes-Benz designo line.

1999 Honda Civic Si with \$17,445 tag

1999 Honda Civic Si will arrive at dealerships this week with a suggested retail price of \$17,445. Underneath the hood of the Si is an all-aluminum, 160-hp, DOHC, VTEC engine rated at 8000 rpm. Mated to a 5-speed manual transmission, the 1.6-



1999 Honda Civic Si.

liter, 4-cylinder engine produces 111 ft/lbs of torque at 7000 rpm.

Featuring front and rear stabilizer bars, stiffer springs and front strut tower brace, the Civic Si should please fans.

As with other 1999 Civics, the Si gets electronic controls for the heating and ventilation system. Fresh new styling adorns the Civic line, enhanced further in the Si with the sporty front spoiler and side sills.

### Jimmy turns 30

GMC's Jimmy is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and in honor of the event will produce the 2000 Jimmy Diamond edition. It will feature grille guards, side steps and interior amenities that take the vehicle into a new SUV category of expressive luxury for the 21st century. Accessories like grille guards and side steps that are standard on the Jimmy Diamond Edition are a hot new trend among sport-utility buyers who are eager to personalize their vehicles as an expression of themselves.

"The 2000 Diamond Edition pro-

duction vehicle is a celebration of the Jimmy brand," said Jimmy Brand Manager Tony DiSalle.

"For the past 30 years, Jimmy has demonstrated a unique blend of authentic truck capability and comfort. The Diamond Edition builds on this heritage of true truck strength adding expressive luxury and unsurpassed comfort to the equation.

### SPRING HILLS, Tenn.

#### Saturn homecoming

More than 2 million invitations to the two-day second Saturn Homecoming in Spring Hills will be mailed later this month. One of the highlights of the event will be the introduction of the new L-series sedan and wagon. Saturn is expecting at least 60,000 people.

### LOUISVILLE, Ky.

#### Ford off Sport track production

The 2001 Ford Explorer Sport Trac will be built by the automaker at its Louisville plant, ending production of the Ford ranger at the site April 5. Ranger production will be increased at plants in St. Paul, Minn., and Edison, N.J. Ford will begin selling the Sport Trac early next year as a 2001 model. The Sport Trac marries a sport-utility cabin with a pickup bed.

-Compiled by Arnold Wechter

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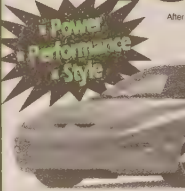
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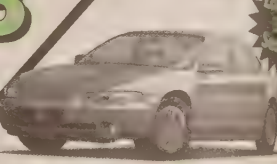
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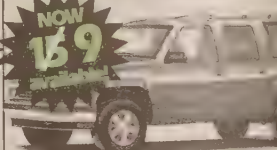
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What do I mean by balance? There is a physical element to balance of course, that sort of cat-like agreement between the object and gravity and all the other forces that tug at it. A car must indeed find a happy place within the field of forces acting upon it. And it should be a dynamic, happy relationship to qualify as balanced. Something, there is, that wants a car off the road, into the bumper ahead of it or whirling dervishly in the center of the highway. Those are the forces I speak of — some capricious, some malicious. Those are the forces engineers conspire to thwart through design and innovation.

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## Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

appropriate suspensions and tires — these must assist a vehicle in its dance with the physics of motion. The tempo of the dance depends on what the vehicle is intended to do, because suitability to its purpose is an element in balance as well.

The physical world is not the only area in which balance plays a role. I also seek balance in all the sensory input too: visual, kinesthetic, auditory and even olfactory.

Important to overall balance are the engine and transmission. A weak engine in a car that looks shaped by the wind is disappointing. But then again, an engine capable of high

speed had better have the brakes and handling to go with it. Critical to balance, in my judgment, is the shape of the torque curve. For American drivers, sharp acceleration is more important than top speed. They can't cruise the Autobahn at 100-150 mph, so they want torque for off the line, for merging and for passing and for getting to the speed that they are allowed.

Smoothness affects balance. Smooth shifts (and no hunting on hills for automatics), and smooth acceleration (no chugging torque steer when a turbo kicks in for instance).

Take the visual. It must please the eye. The balanced vehicle can do what it looks like it can do. Consider the sport utility vehicle for instance (which does a rather slow and measured dance.) If it is armed with

brush guards and aggressive tires, then it had better deliver on the rugged off-road.

And as a car sits low to the ground and appears rather growly even in the parking lot, then it had better have an engine and handling characteristics to fill out its image. Balance is in fulfilling promises.

The vehicle should feel right, too. The seats should be right for the vehicle's purpose. A seat in a car that is meant to be driven with elan should have side bolstering and a firmness of support.

In any car, the seats should adjust easily to fit the occupants. The steering wheel should fill the hand just right, the switches should be physically pleasing and ergonomically satisfying in their placement.

The rightness of it all should not

be loud about it, but rather make itself evident in the warmth of satisfaction.

The ears should be pleased, too. A hush seems appropriate in a luxury sedan, a throaty exhaust note in a sports car, the sing of tires perhaps in an SUV. You can recognize auditory balance because then what you hear can be classified as sound, not noise.

Yes, the thwack the door makes when slammed makes a difference in balance, too. Whether that sound has anything to do with the quality of construction of a vehicle, a wimpy sound will upset the balance. The sound system that delivers music or the spoken word should be appropriate to the vehicle (and to the owner). The sense of balance is definitely compromised by an inferior

sound system in a luxury car.

But then again, a high-quality system is usually out of the entry-level car, unless the car is an extremely sound sensitive.

The vehicle should smell like a nose as well. Some people enjoy an aroma as leather in a room. (The Japanese are big on them. They put leather in the only to please Americans.)

Which brings up the balance owner is part of the balance equation as well. It's a balance in which every element is balanced to the vehicle's use.

# Car salesman uses OnStar satellite technology to nab thieves

**I**t was almost closing time at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, Mich., when three young men walked into the showroom and said they wanted to buy one of the luxury cars on display. Ken Rieberger, a veteran salesman who has sold more than 2,000 cars in his career, immediately had a bad feeling about the three men.

They did not look like hot prospects for a luxury car purchase one of the trio claimed he wanted to make that Saturday afternoon. Despite his misgivings, strengthened by a quick credit check indicating the would-be-buyer could not qualify for a Cadillac price tag, Rieberger showed them around the lot and indulged their interest in a Seville STS — top model for the brand.

## Down the Road

By Herb Shuldiner

"I wasn't going to let them take an STS out for a test ride, even alone," Rieberger says. He had already decided that he would not accompany the tough-looking trio for a test ride. The salesman says he suspected the "customers" were interested in ripping off a vehicle even though one claimed he wanted to write a check for a \$7,000 deposit.

Rieberger decided to show the customers the Escalade, a sport utility vehicle that comes with OnStar, GM's unique communications and navigation assistance system. It is available on more than 30 GM vehi-

cles. OnStar uses cellular phone and satellite technology to perform a whole bag of tricks including remotely opening locked doors and flashing its lights and sounding its horn to help locate the car if you lose it in a parking lot.

In addition, OnStar is automatically notified if a car is involved in an accident in which the airbags are deployed. And not least among OnStar's many capabilities is an ability to track stolen cars.

Rieberger complied with the trio's request to test drive the Escalade. "Make it a short ride around the block," he urged. As soon as they were handed the keys to the vehicle, two of the men got into the Escalade. The third man hustled over to his own car and screamed away.

When the Escalade failed to return in 30 minutes, Rieberger knew his worst fears had been realized.

He jumped into a car and started searching for the big SUV. "But then I realized that the reason I gave them the Escalade was because it had OnStar," Rieberger returned to his office and called OnStar and requested assistance. Normally, OnStar's operations center can almost instantly locate the car, but the Escalade had not been configured so that it would reveal its identity.

Rieberger knew that his Saturday night plans to bring home a pizza for his children and take his wife out to a show were shot. "I knew I was going to be in for a long day," Rieberger says. So he called his wife to tell her he would be late. Then he called in

some technical help from employees who do OnStar installations at his dealership. They had to drive in from their homes so that caused a delay.

After watching the technicians work for a few hours, Rieberger decided to go home and deliver the delayed pizza to his wife and children. Meanwhile, he kept in touch with the process by phone. After four hours of consultation between OnStar headquarters and Massey's service personnel, they were finally able to get OnStar's satellite to recognize a signal from the Escalade and pinpoint its location.

Rieberger then heard a three-way conversation between OnStar and the police as they spotted the Escalade in a Detroit gas station. Two police cars pulled up on either side

of the Escalade, so close they were trapped because they had opened the vehicle's doors. The four surprised occupants got out, beer and pot party in the car. The police ordered the car towed.

The suspects did not tell the men who originally stole the Escalade. But Rieberger had a day longer to retrieve the car from the Detroit police station. The SUV was stored. Rieberger had to fork over \$150 to get the car back. But he says that a small nuisance fee for a vehicle with a sticker of \$46,525, and he considers as well, that the speedometer it had been driven about

## All-season tires may be giving way to winter tires

## Aftermarket Reviews

By Alex Law

About two decades after starting the trend toward all-season tires for year-round use, Goodyear has decided that maybe North America needs to rethink the benefits of winter tires. Those benefits, by the way,

would include better grip and braking in snow, on ice and when it's so cold the rubber on a regular tire takes on the handling properties of glass.

In support of this idea, the Akron, Ohio-based firm has come up with a rubber compound and tread design that will make a new line of winter tires acceptable to today's more discriminating buyer. The purchase cost

of this to the consumer would not be negligible, since it absolutely requires the purchase of four more tires, which will be about 10 percent to 15 percent more expensive than regular tires.

The consumer might also want to buy four more wheels to put the extra tires on, but there is the option of alternating the tires.

Many consumers will think this

is simply a clever way for Goodyear to increase its sales volumes and I'm sure the rubber company is hoping for that. But there's a way to give yourself higher levels of safety in the winter and better driveability in the summer, all for a little extra cost and inconvenience. But first, Goodyear's case for winter tires.

Simply put, you get better traction with all-season tires than you do

with summer tires, more with winter tires than all-season tires. Dave W. Goodyear's public relations department explained that "we're percentages on stopping but you can easily control feet."

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## S-Class

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force at higher speeds. In addition to full frontal airbags, the new model offers a head-protection curtain airbags that span each side of the car, as well as door-mounted side airbags at each of the four doors.

Frontal collisions are the most common type of accident, experts say side impacts are more likely to lead to serious injury. The Mercedes curtain airbag deploys in the manner of an air mattress to protect the head and shoulders in a side collision. It works in conjunction with the door-mounted side bags, which provide chest and hip area protection.

Offered in two V-8-powered models, the S430 with a 275-horsepower 4.3-liter engine and the S500 with a 302-horsepower 5.0-liter engine. The S430 is priced at \$69,700 and the S500 at \$77,850. Both set new stan-

dards in the premium class for safety, performance, occupant comfort and value.

New technology abounds in the S-Class. There is the world's first smart cruise control system, which can automatically maintain a pre-set distance behind the car in front with the help of a radar sensor (not available until September).

There is a TeleAid system offering three distinct kinds of services available at the press of a button. There's an "SOS" button on the rear view mirror. Pressing it immediately establishes voice contact with Protection One, a provider contracted by Mercedes-Benz. It can dispatch police and other emergency services.

Pressing the button also transmits crucial information, including precise location of the vehicle, model of the car and its color (to help emergency services to quickly locate the car).

The deployment of any airbag also automatically establishes contact.

Two other buttons mounted on the center console are for non-emergency use. One with the symbol of a wrench puts the driver in contact with M-B Roadside Assistance. The other marked with the letter "I" connects the customer with the M-B Client Assistance Center.

Also standard is a satellite-based navigation system, and its display on the center console is also used for the audio systems and telephone. This integrated COMAND (Cockpit Management And Data) system uses fiber optic technology for fast response. It can be directed by voice commands, controls on the steering wheel or buttons around the display screen.

Four large illuminated rocker buttons located on the steering provide a variety of ways to control many of the systems.

The many technological systems of the new model are impressive, but they also make it a car that one just doesn't jump in and start to drive—not if you intend to take full advantage of the features.

We learned during an all-day drive of nearly 400 miles on the back roads of Arizona that one should make a point of reading the car manual before turning on the ignition key for first time.

Fortunately we were paired with Vern Parker of the Washington Times with whom we shared driving time and navigation duties.

Impressive is one of the best words to describe driving the new model. It is remarkably quiet and the 5-speed automatic transmission is so seamless it is almost impossible to find the shift points.

The car handles like a smaller vehicle than its size and weight would dictate. Its handling is agile and reminds one of a sport sedan. Mercedes-Benz said this sporty feeling was one of the objectives of building the car. "We wanted to attract enthusiast buyers along with the traditional owners of premium luxury cars," said Michael Jackson, president of Mercedes-Benz of North

America.

Both versions offer acceleration that is amazing for a car of this size and weight. The S500 is capable of going from zero to 60 mph in 6.1 seconds, while the S430 does the trick in 6.9 seconds. Top speed of both models is an electronically-controlled 130 mph.

We both tested the car at high speeds. It corners excellently though there is a slight lean in tighter turns.

The car's stability is good at high speed. We both drove the car at speeds near the its limit. We found it handled like a thoroughbred, but during heavy crosswinds some of the smoothness disappeared. Hopefully the average driver will never attempt this type of high speed driving except in emergencies.

Engineering types theorized that the car's superb aerodynamics proves its undoing at high speeds in crosswinds. "The low cd pays off driving into the wind or from following winds, but hurts in crosswinds," one explained.

Mercedes-Benz currently sits atop sales charts in the premium car class (cars costing \$45,000 or more). It holds 32 percent share in the class and is expected to 44 percent. He predicted the company introduces the S-Class in the near future. Jackson said that within a year there will be a 12 cylinder engine offered.

The new S-Class puts Mercedes-Benz in the catbird seat. It is a technological wonder, but one has to wonder if all the new gadgets are necessary. We can tell you that other players in the game, BMW and Lexus, will play catch up.

The good news is that Mercedes-Benz is not the only one that prove their worth with later work down to cars with price tags.

## Tires

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For example, Wilkins said, "Let's compare various tires to Ultra Grip Ice, which would be set at 100. A winter tire would be 115, an all-season tire would be 125 and a summer tire would be 156." Which means that if it takes an ice tire 100 feet to stop, it would take an all-season 125 feet, and a summer tire 156 feet. When it comes to avoiding a crash, stopping 10 feet sooner can mean the difference between a huge increase in your insurance bill and a hospital stay, or a close call and a good story to tell at work. Jean-Jacques Wiroth, marketing director for Goodyear North America, ruefully admits that, "After two decades of advertising all-season tires, Goodyear faces an uphill battle to educate U.S. consumers on the value of winter tires."

Canadians are more accepting of winter tires, he points out, particularly those folks in Quebec. Goodyear

hopes to convince consumers that there's value in the added expense and extra maintenance (you have to change them twice a year) of winter tires by pointing out their increased safety levels. Before you brush aside the notion of buying a second set of expensive tires, let me reiterate the point about how it doesn't have to cost you more. Remember that all tires wear out depending upon the mileage they do. So if you buy just a set of all-seasons, they're good for, say, 60,000 miles, when it's time to buy another set.

But if you buy a set of winter tires and drive them for, say, 10,000 miles during the bad weather, that means your all-season tires won't need replacing as quickly. Theoretically, you won't have to buy new tires as often if you alternate between all-seasons and winter tires. You will have to pay someone to change them for you every November and March or whatever and find a place to store the ones you're not using, but you have to balance that against the increased safety you'll get in the winter. And if

you buy summer tires when the time comes to replace the all-seasons, you'll get better performance and fuel economy. That's my winter tire theory, anyway.

The choice of navigation aids for cars continues to broaden. At one end there is the \$3,000 system that is built into your dash and at the other there is the map you picked up at the gas station.

To my way of thinking, the best deal for people with laptops is the DeLorme CD-based system that gives you a choice of US maps and a GPS locator for about \$150 (all prices in US funds).

For the laptop-less, Garmin is offering the battery-operated StreetPilot for \$549, with a carrying case and a cigarette lighter adapter each costing \$29. This system uses GPS to keep exact track of where you are on a map that shows the interstates, roads and major streets around the U.S. Other maps are optional. Call 800/362-5500 to order or 800/537-8484 for more information.



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### SACRAMENTO

August 19-22 for Sierra Trek 4WD event

Sierra Trek, the largest all-vehicle four-wheel drive event in the U.S., is scheduled for Aug. 19-22 at Meadow Lake in high Sierra.

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## Not all 'cars of the year' are created—or reported—equally

### Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

Having a vehicle chosen "Car of the Year" (or truck), is an honor manufacturers like because it gives them something else to crow about, and thus sets their product apart in the clamor for attention.

Many magazines, such as Motor Trend and Automobile, select their own "whatever of the year." A panel of some 50 motor journalists in the U.S. and Canada vote for the North American Car (and Truck) of the Year, an award presented every January at the auto show in Detroit. The staffs of the magazines make their choices following their own guidelines and more or less stringent tests.

The North American panel brings to the selection process a wider range of geographical location, tastes and testing methods, perhaps even representing a greater similarity to the general public. Still the different selectors often reach the same conclusion.

### New Beetle

A big winner this year was the

New Beetle from Volkswagen. An AutoWeek reader complained that the Beetle got all the attention at the Detroit show last January, why not let some other car share the glory? Well, it is not just that the Beetle is as cute as a smiley face and that it triggered a nostalgia reaction in aging baby boomers that warrants its selection as Car of the Year. The New Beetle's real importance is that it dramatizes a major change at Volkswagen.

VW, along with its cohort Audi, have come back from the moribund with a lineup of wonderful cars. People who stopped by to smile over the New Beetle, for instance, might have decided it wasn't for them, but they did drive off in a Passat, one of the best values on the market today.

Or their eyes might have been caught by the redone Jetta or Golf,

worthy competitors for Car of the Year in their own right.

### Chrysler 300M

In another year, one without a headline grabber like the New Beetle, several other cars might well have won. Indeed, Motor Trend did choose the Chrysler 300M, another car that harked back to an earlier era in a forward-looking manner. And any list in which the Acura 3.2TL placed second (as it did in the North American Car of the Year choices) has to be a very good year indeed. The Acura is not a look-at-me car like the Beetle, but it is a fine machine wearing an excellent price.

### Honorable mentions

Other cars I particularly admired that were under consideration included the Toyota Solara (sportier in appearance than most Camry-based models), the Mazda Protege (a strong entry level contender), the Oldsmobile Alero (more fun to drive

than you might expect), the Honda Odyssey (a step forward in minivans) and the Lexus RX300 (a successful sport utility vehicle based on a car platform).

### Jeep Grand Cherokee

The winner was the Jeep Grand Cherokee. And yes, it is technically a truck, yet one of its favorable attributes in its all-new manifestation is that it is more car-like than ever to drive. And no, you wouldn't want to go pick up a yard of topsoil in it. But there it is—much changed and yet much the same (the differences in appearance only leap at you when the older version is parked alongside the '99 model).

Certainly the superior new four-wheel drive system needs proper recognition. Suffice it to say the Jeep offers the driver a virtual locking differential, all automatic, and thus is one of the few true four-wheel drive (as opposed to two-axle drive) SUVs available.

Instead of lumping minivans and

the car-based sport utilities with a third category should be alone, perhaps with minivan. Tor Trend is going that way, chose the Lexus RX300 as the SUV winner.

### Chevy Silverado

With a three-way split, the Silverado would be soil-toting truck. It is some dandies, notably the Silverado and GMC Sierra. The virtually the same truck, but prefer the Sierra to the Chevy because of interior trim differences.

When General Motors released popular pickups after more than a decade, it made most of the changes in unseen places rather than in the exterior styling.

At the Silverado press conference, Chevy management said little worried that maybe they hadn't done enough. The public is so. The public is right. But in opinion, they are two fine trucks.

## Thanks for reading Hills Newspapers

### Autodoc

FROM PAGE D2

the last six months, I have been experiencing a problem while the engine is cold. As I am driving steadily between 35 to 40 m.p.h., intermittently I feel an engine shudder I only experience this for the first mile or so. It has had a major tune-up and new fuel injectors by the dealer under a service campaign. Any suggestions? Rick

Dear Rick: At 154,000 miles, carbon is sure to have built up on the back side of the intake valves. The carbon acts like a sponge and will absorb the gasoline. Fuel pressure could be a bit low, even the coolant sensor could be reading a higher engine temperature than the engine actually is. You can let the engine warm up for a few minutes before driving and see if that makes any difference.

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### Cruise control erratic

Dear Doctor: My 1993 Buick Roadmaster has 85,000 miles. The cruise control will not hold a constant speed. It fluctuates up and down about 25 rpm's, and cycles about every 20 seconds. The dealer has not been able to fix the problem. Lonnie

Dear Lonnie: You can take your car to any GM dealer or good repair shop for this problem. The cruise control speed amplifier depends on a constant speed signal to keep the engine at the proper rpm. I have replaced a few speed amplifiers for this type of problem. There is a trouble chart to follow in the Mitchell On-Demand data base for cruise control problems.

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# Dodge, Plymouth Neon round curve into 21st century

By Tom Keane

The 2000 Neon, sold in both Dodge and Plymouth showrooms, is the run-of-the-mill compact car. One and a half million buyers bought that up.

The 2000 Neon is the latest edition of a car that was introduced in 1994. The original version offered a lot of interior roominess and comfort at a low price. In addition, this car has a strong engine and a good transmission. That's why the 1.5 million people in 61 countries bought this car in the past five years.

Now comes Neon's second generation. There's been no radical change with the exterior appearance. It still retains its friendly "face" and good design and still appears to be smiling at you. The interior is still mostly the same, but some changes have taken place. Many of the changes, however, have been seen. In keeping with the trend with all car manufacturers, Neon made improvements in the "NVH" factor.

Noise, vibration and harshness have been reduced by strengthening the chassis. According to Chrysler engineers, the bending stiffness was increased 37 percent over the first-generation Neon.

It also informed that there are fewer parts, and there are welded parts and fewer screws. These interior improvements are things that the eye can't see. But of the improvements can be seen. The new Neon definitely has more stability, a smoother ride, and a better interior.

There has been a slight increase in ride height which allowed re-engineering the MacPherson strut-type front and rear suspension. This change greatly improves ride quality and decreases the chance of bottoming out under load.

The 2000 version has better brakes, thicker rotors, a larger booster, and stiffer front calipers. Drum brakes are standard, and wheel discs brakes including disc brakes along with traction control are available as an option.

A fully equipped Neon offers a lot of car for the dollar. With the options, I had the feeling I was driving an upper class car.

For example, the leather wrapped steering wheel added a touch of class, as did the express-down window. These are expected on cars that are in the low \$20s, but not a Neon.

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security alarm, power trunk lid release, 15-inch touring tires, tilt steering column, tachometer, fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel and passenger assist handles, which were all part of a package.

All included are illuminated visors, quite a few extra lamps throughout the car, speed control, a radio that had a CD player and 15-inch aluminum wheels. Total: \$15,485.

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touch of class is the theater-style self-dimming interior. And the warning chimes are gentle. I could hear them, but they weren't annoying.

There's a strong 2-liter engine under the hood. The leather-wrapped shifter allowed me to shift through the five-gear transmission with pleasure. This engine produces plenty of power. More importantly, this economically priced car produces mileage of 28 city, 35 mpg highway.

For budget-minded people looking for an expressive, enjoyable car, do what the other 1,500,000 buyers did: go with a winner.

## Electric car funding available

By Lucia Libretti

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) has teamed up with the City and County of San Francisco in providing \$350,000 in grant funding to purchase and install publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations throughout the Bay Area.

Public and private organizations are eligible to apply for a grant. The application deadline is May 14, 1999.

The goal of the project is to locate charging station sites in all parts of the Bay Area's nine counties to encourage the purchase and use of electric vehicles. Conveniently located charging stations would extend the range of electric vehicles to include region-wide trips.

The City and County of San Francisco will administer the funding program as a participant in the United States Department of Energy's national Clean Cities Program.

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### 2000 DODGE NEON ES

VEHICLE TYPE  
5-passenger, 4-door compact sedan

BASE PRICE  
\$12,390 (as tested: \$15,485)

ENGINE TYPE  
4-cylinder 16-valve SOHC w/SMPI

DISPLACEMENT  
2-liter

HORSEPOWER (net)  
132 at 5600 rpm

TORQUE (lb-ft)  
130 at 4600 rpm

TRANSMISSION  
5-speed manual

WHEELBASE  
105 in. 2667 mm

TREAD (front/rear)  
58 / 58 in. 1474 / 1476 mm

OVERALL LENGTH  
174 in. 4430 mm

OVERALL WIDTH  
67 in. 1711 mm

HEIGHT  
56 in. 1421 mm

TURNING CIRCLE  
35 ft. 108 m

CURB WEIGHT  
2,564 lbs. 1163 kg

FUEL CAPACITY  
12 gals. 43 L

EPA MILEAGE RATING  
28 city, 35 highway

ASSEMBLY PLANT  
Belvidere, Ill.

STRONG FEATURE  
Roomy economy compact

WEAK FEATURE  
Nothing worth mentioning

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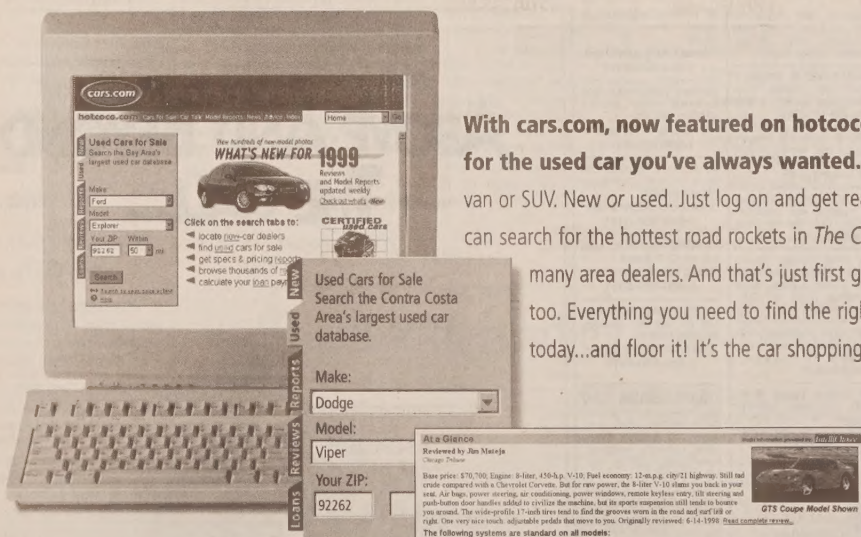


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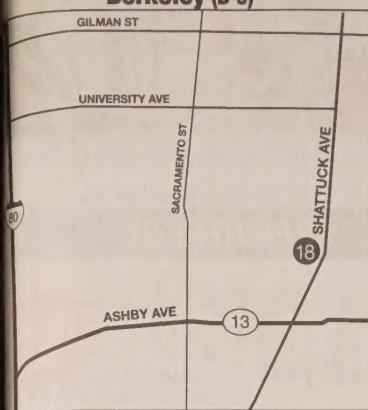
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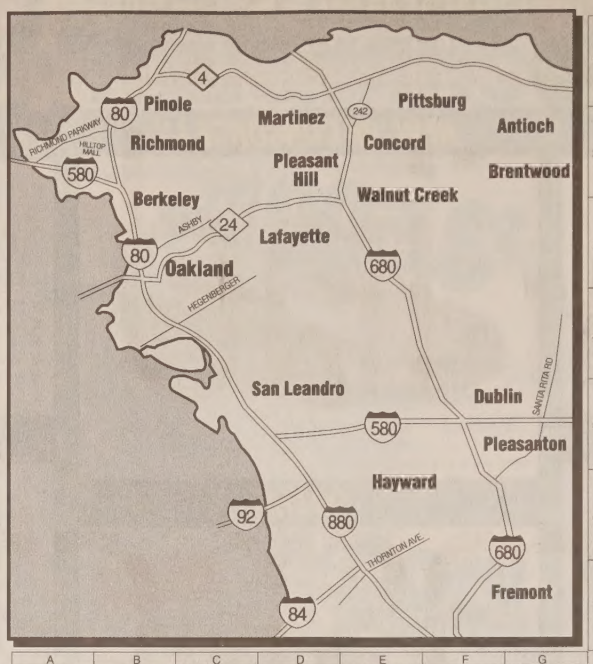
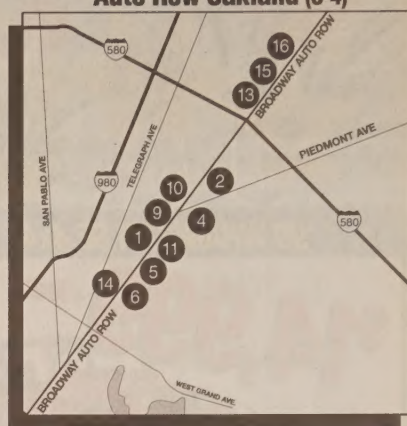
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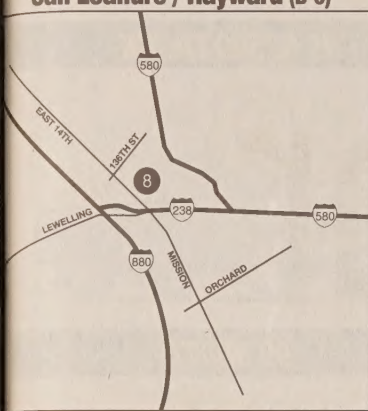
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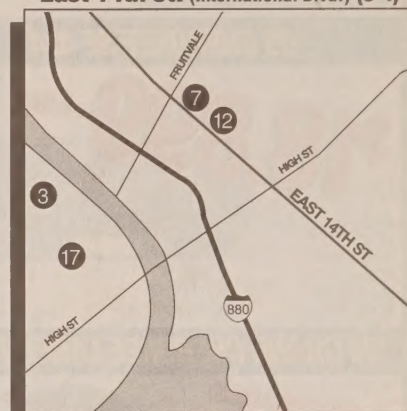
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